

## Orthogeriatrics How The UK Care For Fragility Fractures

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## Guidelines to standards



## The NHFD Project

- jointly led by BOA and BGS with the involvement of the RCN (SOTN)

- Take the established continuous hip fracture audits in Scotland, Northern Ireland, Cardiff, Nottingham, Oxford etc
- Combine them into a national database
- Invite new fracture units to contribute via the web, aiming eventually to include every UK fracture unit
- Establish a professional steering group to manage analysis of, and access to the data
- Feed back to units their performance compared to national

## NHFD – What's the point?

- To change the behaviour of clinicians who look after patients with fragility fractures
- To change the attitude of healthcare commissioners to musculoskeletal medicine

## Blue Book (2007) - main points

We need to develop a multidisciplinary, integrated model for management of a multi-faceted chronic disease which will affect many years of a patient's life

- Integration of treatment and prevention (of fractures)
- Integration of falls prevention and bone health
- Integration of primary and secondary care roles
- Full use of the skills and insights from all professions working in the fields of
  - Orthopaedics
  - Geriatric medicine
  - Rheumatology, metabolic medicine etc
  - Primary care

## Aims of Blue Book

- To provide excellent surgery, despite the challenges of osteoporotic bone
- To introduce reliable secondary prevention, i.e. treatment of underlying osteoporosis or tendency to fall
- To promote excellent all-round medical care and rehabilitation, despite the many co-morbidities of patients presenting with a hip fracture.

## SIX STANDARDS

- Admission to an orthopaedic ward within 4 hours.
- Surgery for those who are fit within 48 hours and during normal working hours.
- All patients assessed and cared for with a view to minimising risk of pressure ulcer development.

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- All patients with fragility fracture should be managed on a ward with routine access to acute ortho-geriatric medical support from admission.
- All patients admitted with fragility fracture should be assessed to determine their need for anti-resorptive therapy to prevent future osteoporotic falls.
- All patients admitted with a fragility fracture, following a fall, should be offered a multidisciplinary assessment and interventions to prevent future falls.

## Fracture epidemiology Edinburgh Trauma Unit

- Analysis of year 2000
- Adults (12 years and over)
  - 534,715 people
  - 5953 fractures
- All reviewed at fracture clinics or admitted
- Diagnosis made from x-ray review
- Analysis of incidence by age

## Osteoporotic fractures

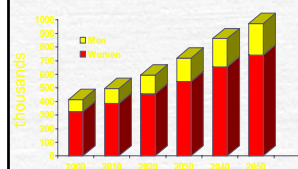
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| Proximal humerus         | Distal femur            |
| Distal humerus           | Bimalleolar ankle       |
| Olecranon                | Trimalleolar ankle      |
| Proximal radius and ulna | Thoracolumbar vertebrae |
| Distal radius            | Pelvis                  |
| Proximal femur           | Multiple injuries       |
| Subtrochanteric femur    |                         |

## Osteoporotic fractures

- 52.1% of all fractures
- 30.1% of fractures in males
- 66.3% of fractures in females
- 34.7% of outpatient fractures
- 70.4% of inpatient fractures

## Why focus on hip fracture?

Hip Fracture Incidence  
Forecast in European Community

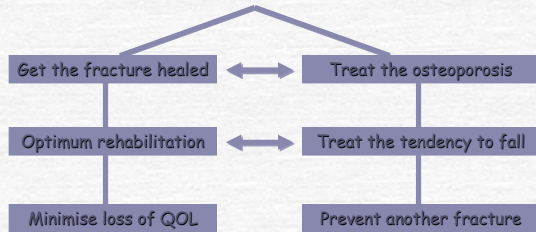


European Commission, 1998

~20% excess mortality at 1 yr  
25% never get back to own home  
80% elderly women would rather die than have a hip fracture

Tests the whole system:  
Orthopaedics  
Geriatrics  
Social services

## Our goals



## Analogy between MI and hip fracture

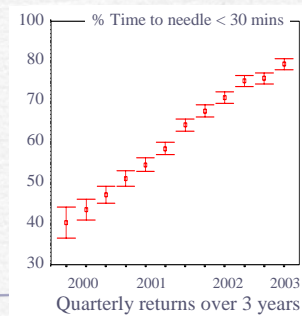
- Both life-threatening, sentinel events carrying a secondary prevention implication
- Acute issues: time to thrombolysis needle, time to op
- Follow-on issues: rehabilitation and secondary prevention
- MI and hip fracture incidence easy to measure
  - 'cardiovascular health' or 'falls' hard to measure

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### Mycardial Infarction National Audit Project

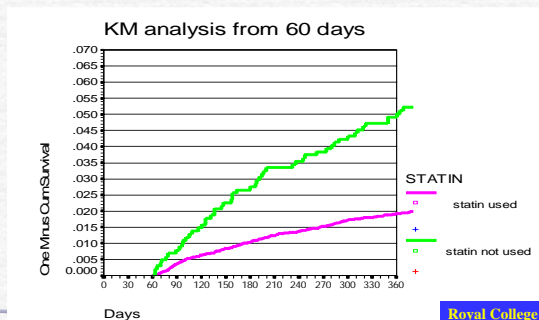
- Royal College of Physicians
  - Clinical Effectiveness Unit
- Web-based entry of simple data from all CCUs
  - Record linkage to national datasets eg ONS (mortality)
- Database centrally funded, voluntary local data entry
- Powerful data to argue for investment in the service, policy change etc

## Feedback drives improvement in time-to-needle



Royal College of Physicians

## Deaths following MI



Royal College of Physicians

## NHFD – main tasks

- Establish the national database
  - Standard dataset
  - Populate by uploads from local audits
  - Professional steering group to oversee analysis and dissemination
- Roll-out to fracture units currently without hip audit. Need local packages of:
  - Web-based input mechanism or compatible local audit software
  - Specialist nurses or other staff combining local roles:
    - Smoother management of hip and other elderly fractures
    - Secondary prevention
    - Collection of NHFD data

# NATIONAL HIP FRACTURE DATABASE

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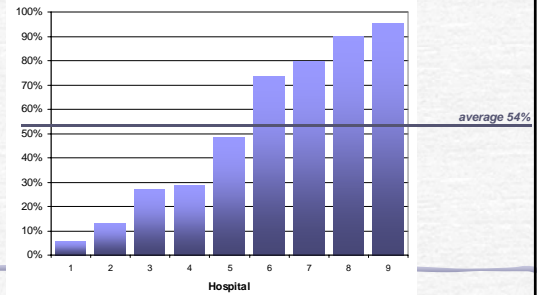
Optional additional fields

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| Extended datasets for:<br>casemix<br>care pathway<br>surgical care<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> prevention | Outcome data at:<br>120 days<br>365 days |
| Facilities audit   |  |

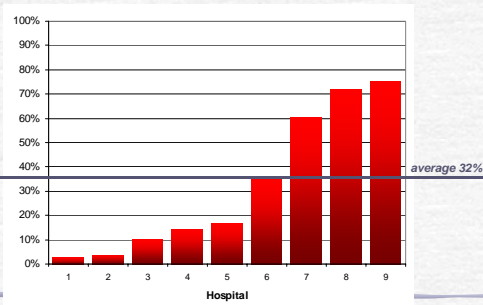
## WHERE WERE WE IN THE UK BEFORE NHFD

Remember this is taken from units doing audit!

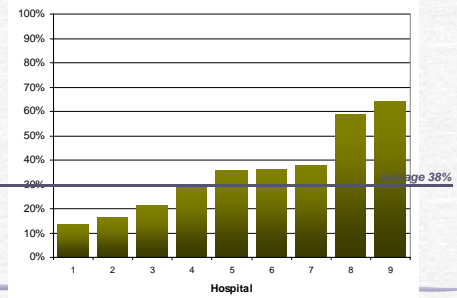
## Surgery within 48 hours of admission



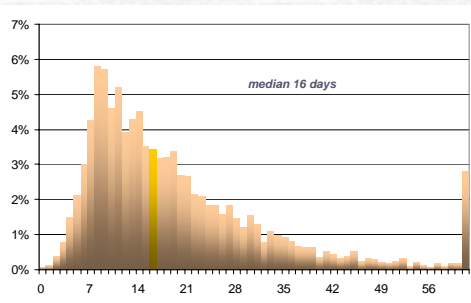
## Surgery within 24 hours of admission



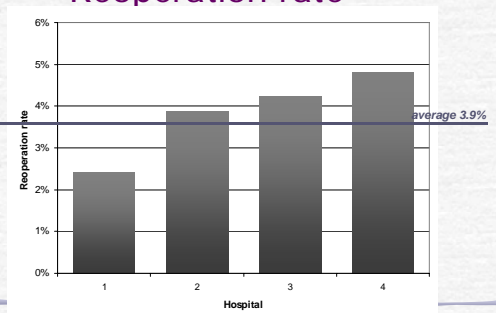
## Discharged home within 30 days



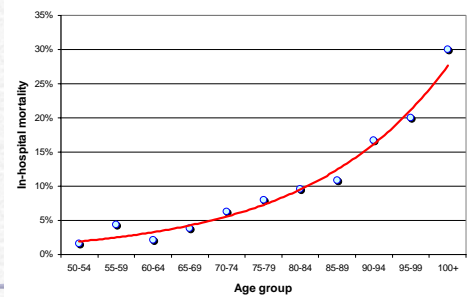
## Length of stay



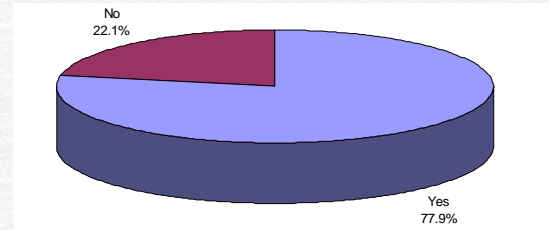
## Reoperation rate



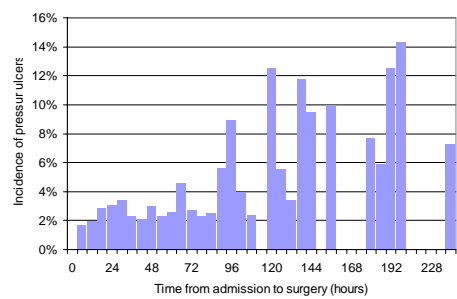
### Mortality in Hospital



### Anti-Resorptive Therapy



### Incidence of pressure ulcers is related to delay to surgery



### How my hospital is getting there

- ✔ No audit previously undertaken
- ✔ We had established a robust team which had effected positively many aspects of care.
- ✔ We needed funding
- ✔ We want to improve care
- ✔ We are inputting data but we could and will improve.

### What's happening now

- ✔ Anonymous First National Report Produced.
- ✔ Series of Regional Meetings – to encourage/Facilitate Participation.
- ✔ 3years of National Funding Agreed.
- ✔ Audit/Evaluation of Data accuracy.
- ✔ Hip Fracture Specifically taking a higher priority, NHS Institute, Nice Guideline Development due in 2011. Best Practice Tariff

### What the first report identifies

- ✔ Only 35% of patient operated on within 24 hours, 69% within 48 hours.
- ✔ Only 58% seen pre-op by a physician and 12% of hospitals have no ortho-geriatrician.
- ✔ 40% of patients discharged from hospital with no assessment of bone health, 56% no falls risk assessment.

## Improving Hip Fracture Care



## Summary

- Patients need an interdisciplinary, chronic disease-model approach
  - involving primary and secondary care, surgeons and physicians, nurses and the wider interdisciplinary team
  - integrating prevention and treatment of fractures
  - monitoring quality
- In UK, an orthogeriatric-based service incorporating NHFD is felt to be the best way to
  - Raise consciousness and change behaviour
  - Monitor quality and raise standards