


**THE CONGENITAL HEART
DISEASE AUDIT
PROGRAMME ACROSS
SOUTH WALES AND THE
SOUTH WEST-
AN UPDATE**

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CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS NHS ENGLAND MAY 2016

- ALL centres in the Network (Section F of the standards) must:
 - participate in audits of clinical practice where recognised standards exist or improvements can be made.
 - Participation in a programme of ongoing audit of clinical practice must be documented.
 - **At least one audit of clinical practice (or more if required by NHS commissioners) of demonstrable clinical significance will be undertaken annually.**
 - Audits must **take into account or link with similar audits across the network**, other networks and other related specialties.
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NETWORK AUDIT LEAD

Aims:

- To promote the importance of audit across the Network and to encourage the use of audit to help drive service quality improvement.
- To keep a record of ongoing audits for each Hospital/Health Board
- To facilitate the presentation of completed audits at the biannual CHD Network Clinical Governance meeting.



CURRENT PRACTICE

- Several audits completed in 2018 and already presented
- I have only been made aware of 3 audits currently underway for 2019/20 across the Network :
- 1) 'Surgical waiting times and post op anticoagulant management ' - Dr Stephanie Curtis
- 2) To assess the current standards/detection rate for fetal cardiac anomaly scanning (18-20+ week scan) in the South West region for TGA, ToF, HHS and cAVSD. Dr H Liversedge
- 3) Screening for liver disease in Fontan patients across South Wales- an audit of current practice. Dr Elliott Carande, Dr Szantho, Bethan Shiers, Sarah Finch, Dr Dirk Wilson, Dr Helen Wallis

LIMITATIONS TO UNDERTAKING AUDIT

- Dr Claire Williams (Cwm Taf HB)- ' There is currently no funding to support audit/clinical governance or any other SPA-type activity in ACHD for the local satellite centres in Wales'.
- Dr David Lyndsay (Gloucestershire)- no current audits, actively seeking funding for an ACHD specialist nurse



SOLUTIONS?

- Enlist the help of a keen medical student or junior doctor who needs to undertake audits and supervise them.
- Combine resources and work across the Network to undertake audit.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- **Please e-mail** me helen.wallis@wales.nhs.uk or Morwenna Bugg if you have any audits currently underway that are not already listed.
- **Please contact us** if you commence an audit so we can update our database, and lets us know the start date, title of audit, lead person undertaking the audit, likely date of completion.
- **I need 2** audits to be presented at the next Governance meeting to be held 6 months from now... Please let me know if you have an audit that will be ready....



○ THANKYOU.

