

Safe supervision of Foundation Year 2 trainees in Emergency Medicine placements

Introduction

Emergency Medicine department (EM) is an ideal training environment for junior doctors, who can experience large numbers of acutely ill patients who require rapid, decisive and important clinical judgements.

This provides rich clinical material for excellent training, but also carries risk. We ask that all Emergency Medicine departments apply the College of Emergency Medicine Guidance on discharges (attached appendix 1). The School of Emergency Medicine and the LNR and Trent foundation Schools agree that FY2 trainees should seek a senior review of patients prior to discharge in the following categories:

- a. Non- traumatic chest pain in adults (>17 years of age)
- b. Febrile illness in children <1 year old
- c. Unscheduled returns (with the same complaint) within 72 hours.

In addition Emergency departments may wish to add additional criteria for example:

- d. Abdominal pain (especially in the elderly >65 years)
- e. Highlighting abnormal physiology or other investigations
- f. Whilst supporting doctors new to the department.

Please read this guidance in conjunction with our guidance: The role of the FY1 trainee in Emergency Medicine. This is available as a download on the HEEM website under the Foundation Schools.

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