



Innovation: Regular Orthogeriatric meetings

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Key Problem

- Difficulty coordinating amongst various specialty areas involved in management of patients with fractured neck of femur.
- Namely Orthopaedics, Geriatricians, Acute pain specialists, Anaesthetists, Nursing staff, Patient flow, Administration.
- Variability within each department for particular preferences.

Aim of this innovation

- To better streamline patient management.
- Gain better recognisable consensus on pathways.
- Minimise need for referrals.
- To produce more effective and efficient patient care from ED through to discharge.
- Minimise complications.

Key Changes Implemented

- Establishment for regular meetings aiming for once a quarter.
- Coordinated by CNS 2 appointed this year.

Outcomes so far

- Still in its infancy.
- Establishment of DVT prophylaxis consensus amongst surgeons.
- Fasciailiaca block to commence preoperatively.
- Anticoagulation guidelines preoperatively.
- Osteoporosis clinic and follow up.

Lessons Learnt

- Disruptions in the service – eg labour force – need a back up representative.
- Set the dates early.
- Informal discussions very important.

