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GIRFT Hip Arthroplasty: A retrospective study



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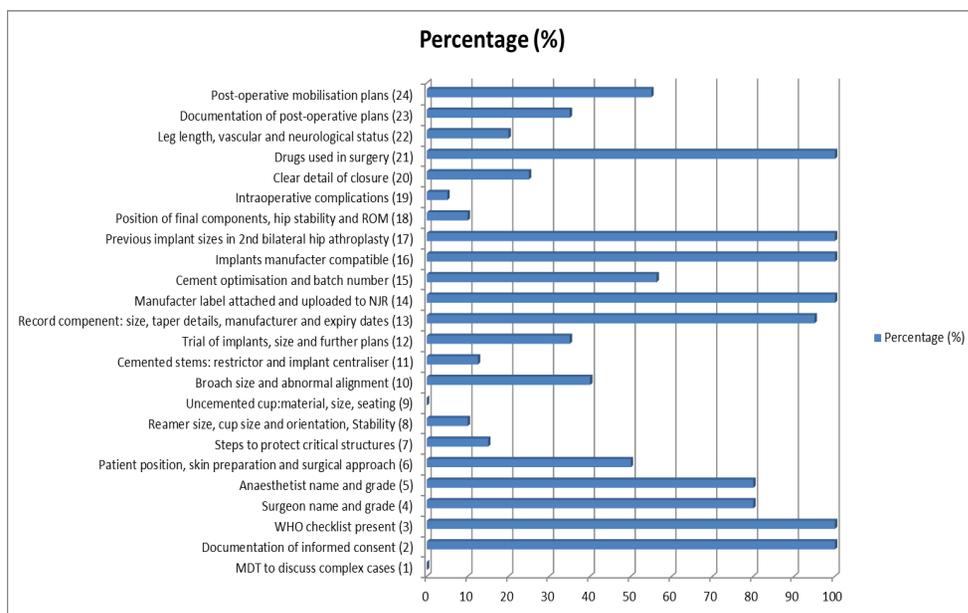
Introduction

The GIRFT, BHS, BOA guidance is made up of 24 criteria (1) produced from analysis of medical negligence claims notified to NHS resolutions by NHS trusts. This was a crucial exercise as inadequate documentation had huge medicolegal consequences such as pay outs of £150,000 for not documenting identification/protection of sciatic nerve or £50,000 failure to identify leg length discrepancy(2)

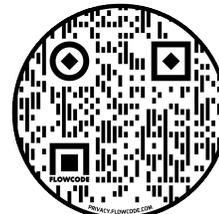
Methods

We led a team of 5 doctors to review University Hospital of North Tees compliance against 24 criteria laid out by GIRFT. After examining 20 operative records retrospectively from spread of consultants in the department, it was shown that there was poor compliance against GIRFT guidelines.

Results



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Discussion

Our post analysis MDT following presentation of these results locally agreed that the majority of the issues identified are modifiable risks factors. 24 criteria was arduous to recall while documenting, takes 20-30 minutes to type on operative notes and unavailable uninterrupted time to complete documentation in between surgeries. However, these issues were amenable to a simple pragmatic online template trialed on hip replacement.

Conclusion

A preliminary review of a single surgeon template has shown that it is simple to use, has excellent compliance (has prepopulated 24 criteria), takes 6-7 minutes to complete the operative notes, easily auditable and thus appears promising in minimising medicolegal claims for surgeons and the trust.

Preliminary reaudit showed >95-100% compliance

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