

1541 Treating Patients with Respect: Assessing the Completion Rate of The ReSPECT Form for Patients Admitted to Hospital

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Aim: To assess the current completion rate of the Recommended Summary Plan for Emergency Care and Treatment (ReSPECT) form, and to identify ways to improve the completion rate for all inpatients under our care.

Method: All notes of admitted patients were reviewed for a completed ReSPECT form over a two-week period. Data was collected on whether a form had been completed and its respective fields. This was repeated in three cycles, introducing interventions between each cycle – trainee education and reminders were sent through our WhatsApp messenger group between cycles 1 and 2, and posters implemented between cycles 2 and 3.

Results: For cycle 1, out of 40 patient notes, 9 (22.5%) had a completed ReSPECT form. This increased to 25 out of 57 patients (43.9%) for cycle 2. Cycle 3 found 1 out of 16 patients (6.7%) had a completed ReSPECT form.

Conclusions: Our data demonstrated a significant deterioration in our compliance as a department. This could be due to a number of factors ranging from the coronavirus pandemic and staff redeployment to increased workloads, higher patient turnover, and new staff. In any outcome, the poster has proven to be ineffective. Whilst we identified that reminders via electronic message appear to have had an improvement, this has shown to be temporary, and may not be effective in busier times. As such, this audit has revealed a significant need for departmental change and to develop new strategies to improve compliance.