

to determine the efficacy and safety of our ambulation service in the conservative management of acute uncomplicated appendicitis.

**Method:** Data was collected prospectively from 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020 on all patients presenting with suspected appendicitis. Stable patients with clinically suspected or CT-proven appendicitis were discharged with oral antibiotics as per trust guidance. Readmissions for ambulated patients were recorded.

**Results:** 190 patients presented with suspected appendicitis (range 5-71years). 49.4% patients were deemed suitable for ambulation on initial assessment, 22% of which had a CT confirmed diagnosis on discharge. 65% of the ambulated patients underwent a telephone review within a 72-hour window. 13.8% of patients represented within a 30-day period, 7.4% of which proceeded to appendicectomy.

**Conclusions:** Patients with uncomplicated appendicitis can be safely managed with antibiotics out of hospital, with low representation rates.

#### 904 Can Patients with Acute Appendicitis be Ambulated Safely?

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**Introduction:** During the COVID-19 pandemic, surgical service and practice has been adjusted in order to reduce acute surgical admissions. Acute appendicitis accounts for a significant proportion surgical admissions in the UK. Intercollegiate general surgery guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic advised appendicitis should be managed conservatively, or with an open appendicectomy if indicated. Our aim was