

25 Operative Delay in Neck of Femur Fracture Management During the COVID 19 Pandemic Lockdown; Reasons and Impact

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All NOF patients beyond 24-hour window over the COVID Lockdown period From April 2020 to July 2020 were identified and causes of delay to theatre were stratified. Manual Data collection over a time period of April 2020 to July 2020, when lockdown was introduced. All patients with NOF who had surgery within 24 hours were excluded. Cases not within 24 hours were included. A total of 70 patients were included in the study. Cause for Delay beyond 24 hours included No list space 30, Medically unfit 20, Anticoagulation 18, COVID related 2 needing ventilatory support. Causes of medical Delay include chest infection (not COVID related), High anaesthetic risk, Cardiac, Anaemia, Electrolyte imbalance. Covid19 accounted for 2 % of operative delays of NOF patients. Other causes include medical optimization, theatre efficiency and use of anticoagulation. However, our study proved there is a vital requirement for robust protocols and pathways in the management of NOF especially during a global pandemic. This is important for the reduction of overall Morbidity and Mortality. Local Strategies should be put in place to address these with the importance of a MDT approach including the Anaesthetic and Orthogeriatric team.