

Study actions and timelines

There are 2 types of study participants in SNAP-2: EpiCCS

- Patients undergoing inpatient surgery
- Clinicians (Anaesthetists, Intensivists and Surgeons)

For each Patient:

Day 0 (Day of Surgery)

- Patient needs to be given an Information Sheet (Appendix 5) before surgery
- Collect baseline risk data and procedure data using Main Case Record Form (Appendix 1)



Day 7

- Collect Postoperative Morbidity Survey data using Main Case Record Form (Appendix 1, Section IV, page 7)



Day 60

- Study closure and censoring complete Main CRF (Appendix 1, Section IV, page 8)

For each Clinician:

Can be done anytime during the study

- Collect information about the Clinicians' Perception of Critical Care using the Perceptions Case Record Form (Appendix 4)

Critical Care Occupancy

On all Patient Recruitment Days

- Collect information about Critical Care Bed Occupancy using the Occupancy Case Record Form (Appendix 3)
- This data will then be linked to patient level data collected on the left to see if capacity affects ICU/HDU referral

Top Tips!

Here are some study actions & tips to make things easier.
Do use the green boxes to note down your local solutions.

STUDY ACTIVITY	TOP TIPS	LOCAL SOLUTION
<p>Distribute participant information sheets (PIS) to all patients undergoing inpatient surgery each day</p>	<p>Keep copies of PIS in pre-op patient waiting areas.</p> <p>Assign a trainee or research nurse to pre-op waiting areas to be on hand to distribute PIS and/or answer questions</p>	
<p>Ensure all operating rooms have sufficient patient Case Record Forms (CRFs, Appendix 1) on each day of the study</p>	<p>Keep a stack of CRFs in each anaesthetic room.</p> <p>Ask the ODPs / anaesthetic nurses in theatre to help remind colleagues to complete the forms</p>	
<p>Ensure that all patients who are undergoing surgery don't get missed out</p>	<p>Keep a paper copy of each theatre's operating lists each day together with the CRFs for that day. This will also help to track patients for Day 7 follow-up.</p>	

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<p>Ensure that all Clinicians are given a chance to fill the Clinician Perceptions questionnaire (Appendix 4).</p>	<p>Distribute the Clinician Perceptions questionnaire during the morning WHO briefing, and collect the completed forms at the end of the operating list.</p>	
<p>Ensure that all the main patient CRFs are collected each day.</p>	<p>Have a box in recovery for the paper CRFs, so they can be deposited when handing patients over.</p> <p>Have a trainee collect all CRFs at the end of the day.</p>	
<p>Ensure that the Critical Care Occupancy CRF gets filled in twice a day by ICU/HDU Charge Nurses.</p>	<p>The Trainee Lead or PI can phone the ICU Charge Nurse just after morning and evening handover to take down the numbers for this CRF. Or leave the CRF with an ICU consultant.</p>	