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# Raiders of the Lost Archives

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## Why do an analysis of closed claims?

- Analysis of incident data alone provides a limited picture of patient safety issues
- Beneficial in identifying latent factors associated with adverse events thus provide opportunities for learning.
- Claims data has the ability to capture important facts about the quality of care and contributory factors to adverse events.
- The SCA manages the incident reporting database and claims of clinical negligence within Ireland, therefore is ideally situated to identify patient safety issues and to share this learning nationally.

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## Cases Reviewed

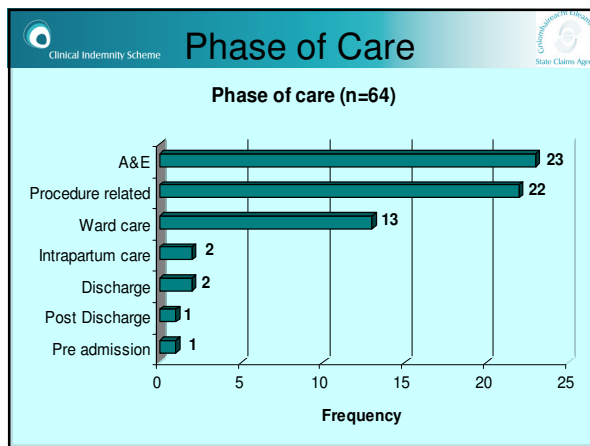
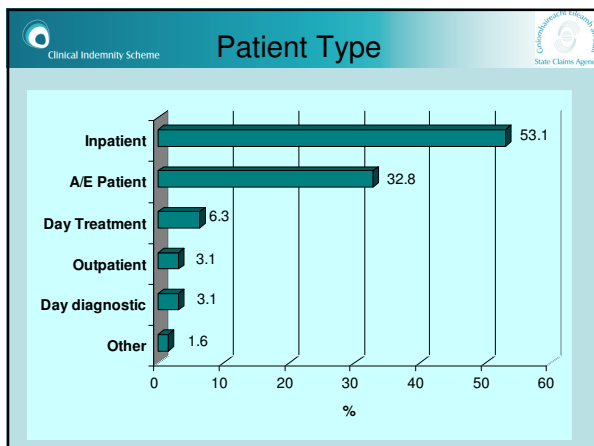
- Settled cases were included in the review as files contain relevant documentation such as case summaries, legal proceedings, statements of claims, expert reviews and witness statements.
- provide information relating to the type of adverse event, adverse effects on patients and some of the contributory clinical and systemic factors

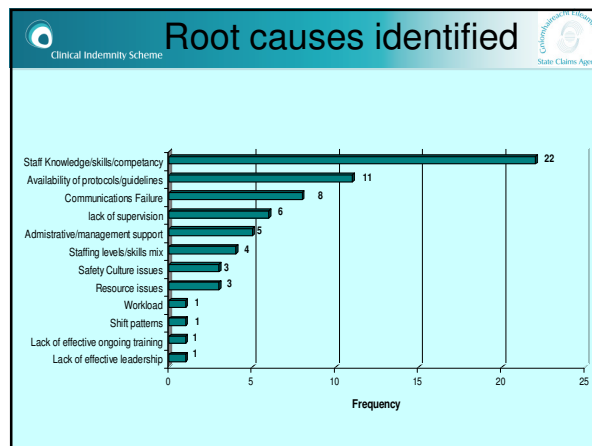
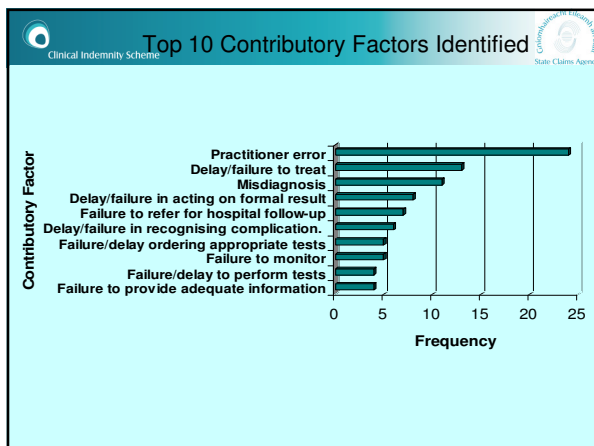
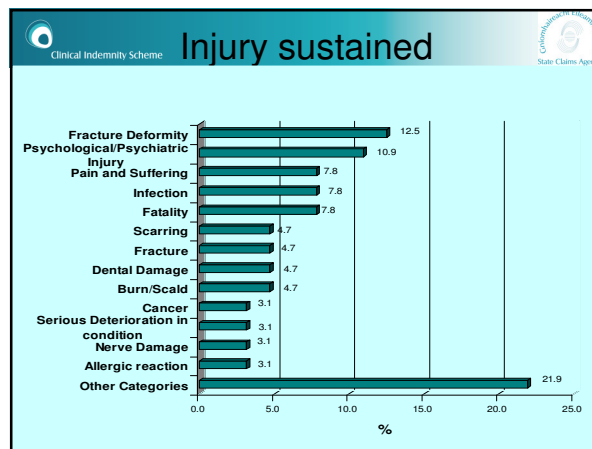
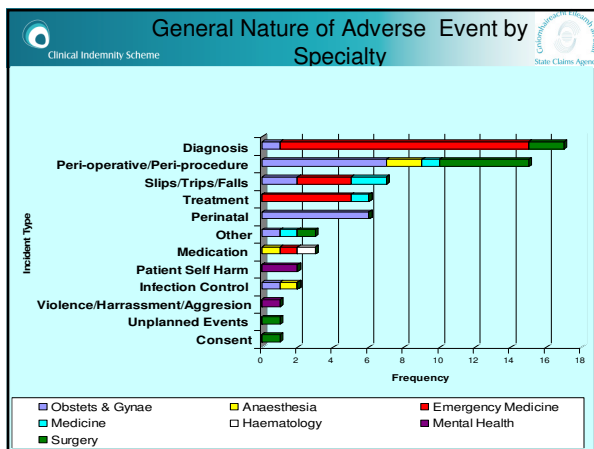
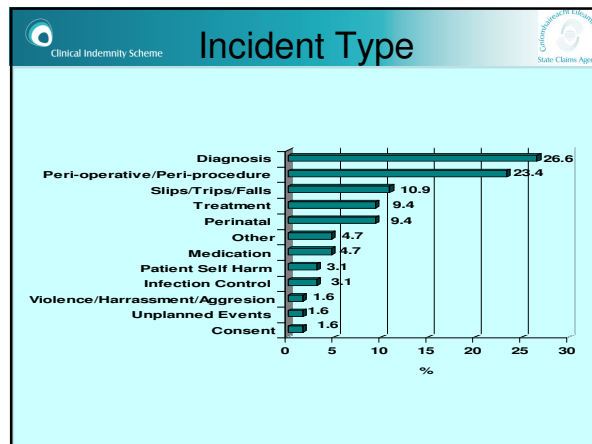
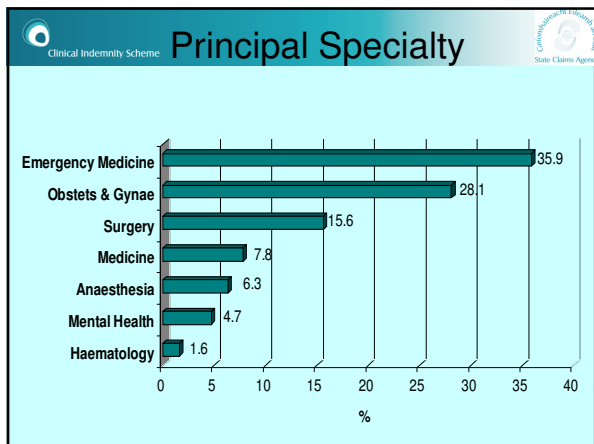
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## Closed Claims Analysis Assessment Tool

Incorporates a number of the fields included in the UK claims analysis study (Vincent et al, 2004) and also reflects the data collection fields within the STARS web incident reporting system.


Number of Plaintiff Expert Reports	Sub Speciality Involved
Number of Defendant Expert Reports	General Incident type
Speciality of Expert	Specific Incident Type
Patient/Client Type	Outcome of Incident
Date of incident	Primary Contributory Factors
Date of Notification	Additional Contributory Factors
Method of Notification	Primary Root Cause
Category of Person Notifying Incident	Additional Root Cause
Time lapse date of Notification to Date of Claim	Was there a Patient Injury/Complication?
Age of Plaintiff at time of Claim	Was the Injury/Complication caused by Healthcare Management?
Gender	Was the Injury/Complication caused by Healthcare Management interacting with a disease process/condition?
Principle Speciality Involved	Period of Care during which the incident occurred





Clinical Indemnity Scheme **Learning** 

Combining analysis of data from a variety of sources provides a clearer picture of patient safety issues identifying adverse event types that require specific attention.

Clinical Indemnity Scheme **Conclusion** 

- Closed claims reviews provide valuable data that may enhance clinical performance through increased awareness of common unsafe practices.
- Effective communication, team working, documentation, training and education as well as robust risk management strategies can help improve patient care and reduce medico-legal claims.

Clinical Indemnity Scheme **Thank you for your time and attention.....  
....any questions ?** 

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