
 Clinical Indemnity Scheme

Closed Claims Analysis of Irish Settled Emergency Medicine Claims


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Objectives

- Focus of study was to examine closed, settled, emergency medicine claims handled by the Clinical Indemnity Scheme.
- Limited to claims specifically related to diagnosis, resolved by settlement and closed on or before December 31st 2008

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Breakdown of statistics

- 74.2% (26/35) of settled claims were musculo-skeletal related
- Of 17 claims categorised as fracture or fracture deformity, 64% (11) were upper extremity related, 35% (6) were lower extremity related

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Recommendations

- Ongoing training in the interpretation of radiographs through out clinical rotations.
- The creation of a portfolio of clinically significant radiographs for on-going training purposes.
- Regular multidisciplinary meetings with timely feedback regarding clinically significant discrepancies.
- Clinical audit