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Rapid Review and Screening of Trauma Clinic Referrals

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Introduction

Delayed management of fractures and dislocations has been identified as one of the major causes of claims. We operated a specialist-led, rapid review process of X-rays and case notes of all musculoskeletal injuries that were referred to the fracture clinic of our department.

Objectives

To devise an efficient specialist-led, rapid review process of X-rays and case notes of all musculoskeletal injuries that were referred to the fracture clinic of our department that could minimise delays in fracture or dislocation managements.

Methodology

A prospective study of the rapid review over the past 3.5 years of all musculoskeletal injuries referred by the Accident and Emergency Department in Kwong Wah Hospital was conducted. The total number of cases screened per week, number of call backs for early follow-up or direct admission, number of earlier interventions were documented.

Result

A total number of 3,283 cases were screened. 169 (5.15%) patients were screened out for a fast-track appointment. 48 (1.5%) of those were operated. The mean waiting time for first appointment for those call-back cases were 9.25 days compared with a mean waiting time of 26.4 days.