



# Scottish Audit of Surgical Mortality

## Surgical Assessor's Form 2010

Study number

2010 /

Assessor's code:

1

Was there enough information to make a an assessment

Yes  1

No  2

2

Should this case go for case note review?

Yes  1

No  2

If yes, which aspects of the case should be looked at in more detail?

A review need not be requested if the adverse events are clear from the audit form and no further information is required. Indications for case note review:

- Significant errors are thought to have been made by surgeon or anaesthetist Yes  1
- A review could usefully draw attention to lessons to be learned, either for clinicians involved or as part of collated assessments for wider distribution Yes  1
- There has been an unexpected death (e.g. in theatre, elective surgery for benign disease, day case surgery, young patients)
- Other specify \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  1

IF YOU THINK THAT THIS CASE SHOULD GO FOR CASE NOTE REVIEW, LEAVE THE REST OF THIS FORM BLANK AND RETURN IT TO THE **SASM** OFFICE. IF NOT, PLEASE COMPLETE THE REST OF THE FORM BEFORE RETURNING IT.

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Which statement best describes the *management* of this case?

(An **area of concern** is where the assessor believes that areas of care should have been better. An **area for consideration** is where the assessor wishes to draw the clinician's attention to areas of care that he/she believes could have been improved, but recognises that it may be an area of debate.)

- There were no areas of concern or for consideration in the management of this patient  3
- \*There were areas for consideration but they made no difference to the eventual outcome  4
- \*There were areas of concern but they made no difference to the eventual outcome  5
- \*There were areas of concern which may have contributed to this patient's death  1
- \*There were areas of concern which CAUSED the death of this patient who would have been expected to survive  2

\* PLEASE SPECIFY ACONs OVERLEAF (CODE AND TEXT) IN SECTIONS 5 AND 6. IF CLINICAL EVENT ONLY, COMPLETE SECTION 4 BELOW.

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### Clinical Events

If major clinical events occurred which caused or contributed to the patient's death but were not clearly linked to the patient's *management*, then these should be recorded here. These are listed in part two of the code book. You may also add free text if you wish. These are issues for discussion that will also be fed back to clinicians.

Code:

Description of code (from book, as a backup)

Optional free text by assessor:

**First area of concern or for consideration.**

Code:

**Description of code** *(from book, as a backup)*

	Presentation		Peri-Op		Ward Care	
	Audited Team	Other Team	Audited Team	Other Team	Audited Team	Other Team
Delays	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Communication	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Omission	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Commission	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Resource	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

You may also add free text if you wish to give more detail:

**Second area of concern or for consideration.**

Code:

**Description of code** *(from book, as a backup)*

	Presentation		Peri-Op		Ward Care	
	Audited Team	Other Team	Audited Team	Other Team	Audited Team	Other Team
Delays	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Communication	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Omission	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Commission	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Resource	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

You may also add free text if you wish to give more detail: