Medical Emergency Team (MET) calls at The Northern Hospital (TNH)



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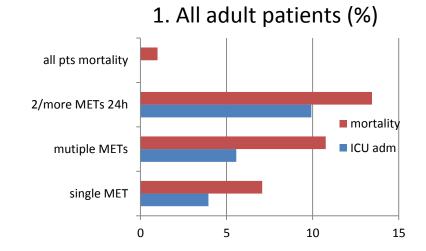
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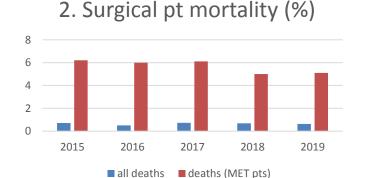
- To analyse the outcomes of adult patients attended by the MET service at TNH over a 5 year period
- Specific focus on general medical and surgical patients

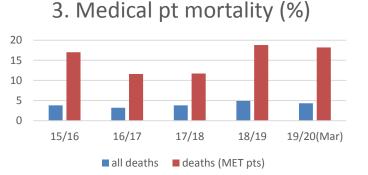
Methods

- Raw data extracted from MET call database and analysed in yearly epochs
- Admission (multi-day separation) data provided by NH decision support

Results









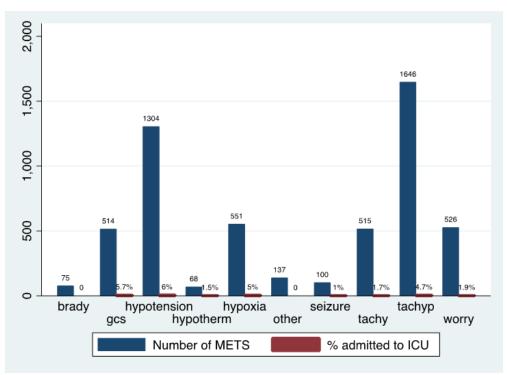
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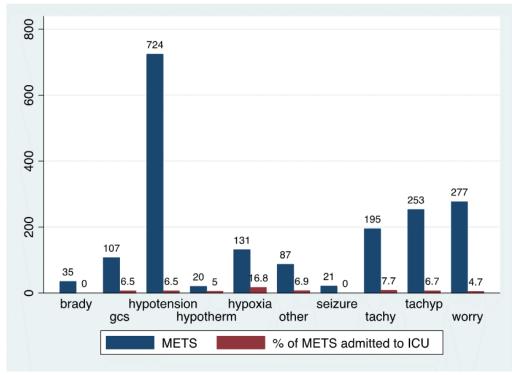
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4. General Medicine MET calls



5. General Surgery MET calls



Expressed as raw number of calls & percentage of each admitted to ICU



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Conclusions

Adult MET call patients:

- have a 7x mortality rate
- **2/more METs** in 24 hours **mortality worse than ICU** patients

General Medicine MET calls:

- Tachypnoea most frequent aetiology
- **Hypotension** commonest reason for ICU admission

General surgery MET calls:

- Higher ICU admission rate than medical patients (7% vs 4.6%)
- Mortality 10 x that of surgical patients as a whole
- Nearly 80% are **non-elective** admissions
- Almost 40% due to hypotension
- **Hypoxia** commonest reason for ICU admission