

APAGBI SURVEY AND AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE

Template Report for Surveys of the APA Membership

Survey Title: Consent for paediatric radiological procedures under general anaesthesia and sedation: Survey of current practice in the UK

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Brief Description of Purpose: To determine the practice of obtaining consent for invasive and non-invasive radiological procedures carried out under general anaesthesia or sedation in all types of hospitals providing this service to paediatric patients.

Category of Membership Surveyed: (e.g. all, home, overseas, linkmen, trainee) - All

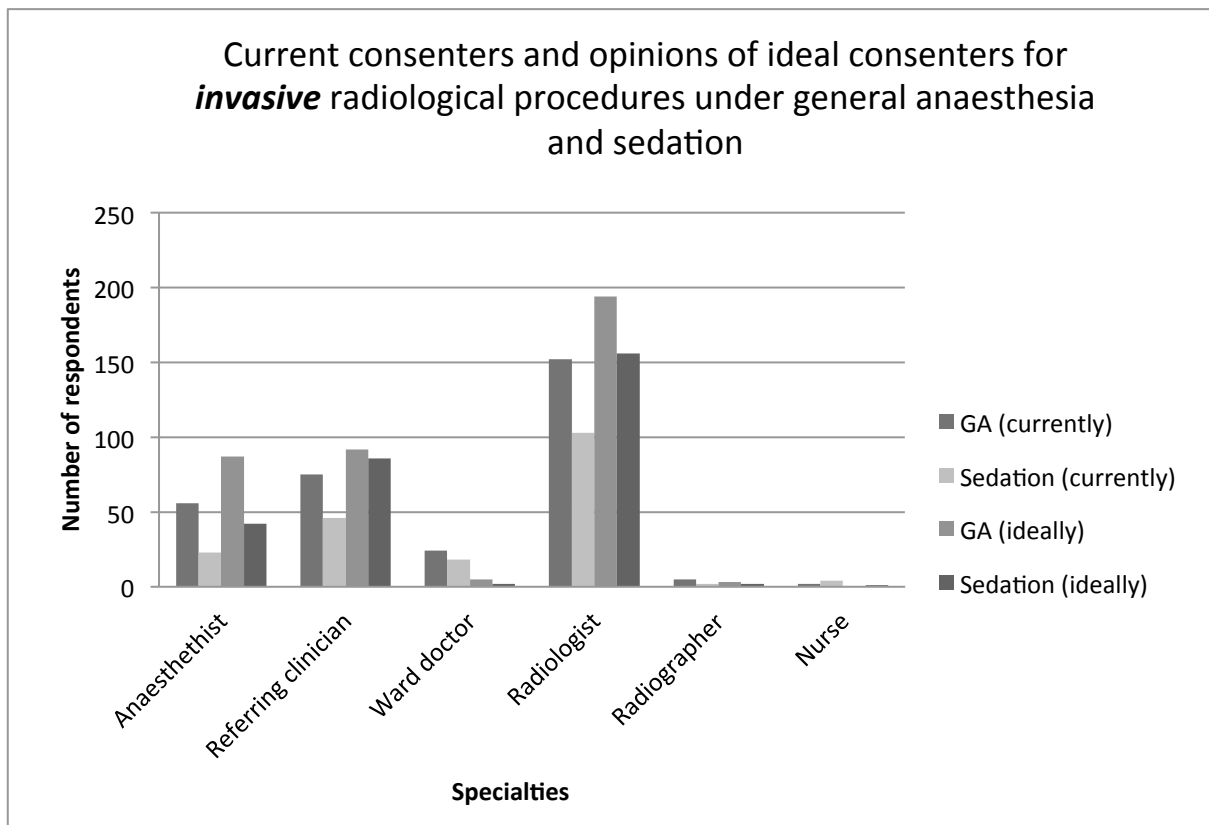
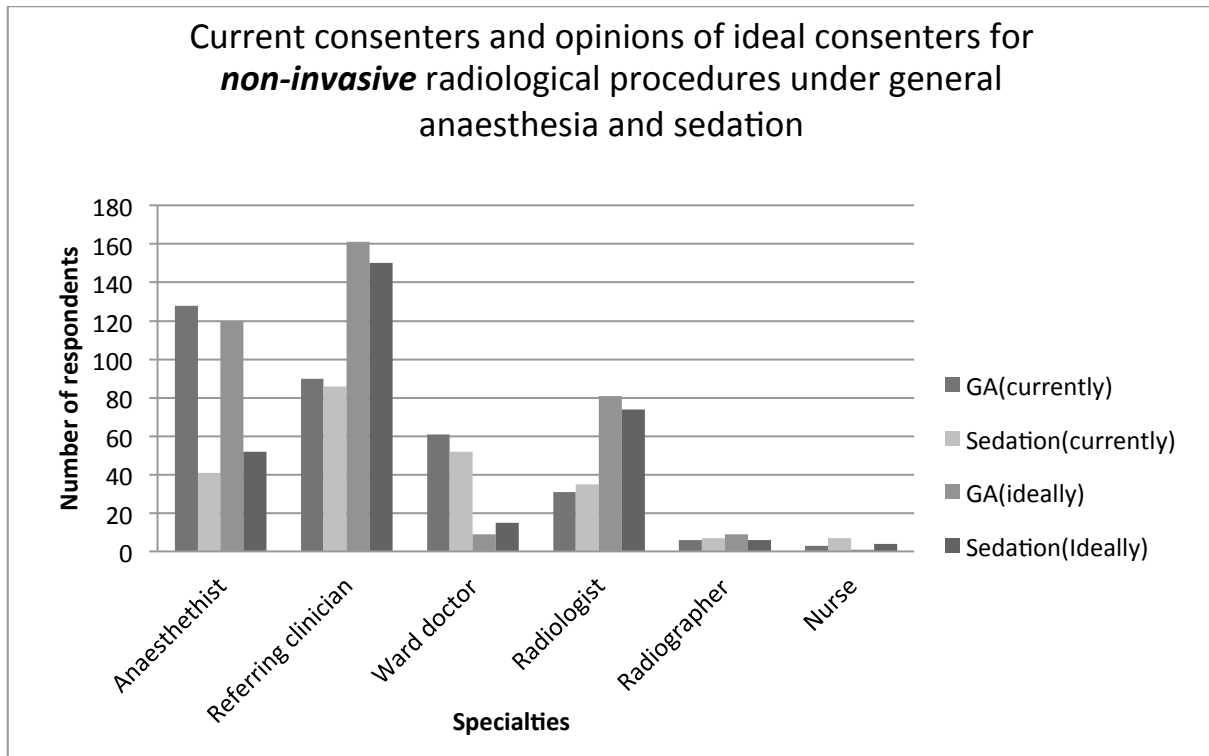
Dates of Survey: September 2010 – October 2010

Number of Responses: 303 UK respondents

Outline Findings of Survey:

- 303 UK respondents surveyed, response rate was 30.9%
- 122 respondents (40.3%) practiced in specialist children's hospital, 115 (38.0%) in university teaching hospitals, 65 (21.5%) in district general hospitals, and 1 (0.3%) in a rural/remote hospital
- 265 respondents (87.4%) were consultants, 4 (1.3%) were associate specialists/staff grades, and 34 (11.2%) were trainees
- Rate of provision of written information in advance of the procedure was relatively low in all categories of respondent, an average of only 36% provided an information package
- 149 (65.6%) respondents were not aware of the current guidance by the Royal College Radiologists and AAGBI, a further 120 (81%) felt the current guidance needed further clarification
- 140 out of 202 respondents (69.3%) thought that separate information documentation on radiological procedures, general anaesthesia, and sedation was to be preferred,
- 115 out of 191 respondents supported the provision of combined information (procedure and anaesthesia/sedation) packs.
- 133 out of 184 (72.2%) respondents did not think a separate anaesthetic consent form was warranted
- There was substantial support for a combined consent form (procedure, general anaesthesia and sedation) with 117 out of 181(64.6%) respondents opting for it

- 100 out of 165 respondents (60.6%) also agreed that a generic hospital consent form should be used



Intended Publication/Presentation: *Anaesthesia* Journal

Follow up Actions Required: Consultation with the relevant colleges (APAGBI, RCR and RCPCH) for the improvement and possible standardisation of practice of consenting within this patient population

Other Comments: None

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