



NELA Local Clinical Lead – Job Description

Position:	Local Clinical Lead for NELA
Time:	There should be job planned time for local NELA leads. The time allocated should be decided locally through job planning, and will depend on caseload and support available from other staff. For consultants, this may well be in the region of 0.5 PA with 2 associated professional leave days.
Accountable to:	Clinical Lead or Directors of Anaesthesia & Surgery, Medical Directors

Job Summary

The NELA local clinical lead will have responsibility for:

1. Promoting collection of NELA data and dissemination of results to the multidisciplinary team and management team
2. Quality Assurance; using NELA data to provide QA to executive boards and colleagues that patients needing emergency laparotomy surgery are receiving appropriate standards of care
3. Quality Improvement; collecting and using NELA data for QI to improve care for patients undergoing emergency laparotomy surgery
4. Promoting expert clinical practice in the care of emergency laparotomy patients
5. Developing, supporting and providing education for multidisciplinary teams in the care of patients undergoing emergency laparotomy surgery
6. Supporting and contributing to service development that enhances care of emergency laparotomy patients.

It is anticipated that the post holder will operate with close conjunction to the Trusts local Audit / clinical effectiveness team. There are likely to be benefits in developing a multidisciplinary 'NELA' team that engages all specialties involved, and which includes people with skills in QI and leading. NELA leads should also contribute to hospitals' mortality review processes.

Job Details

The NELA local clinical lead will, working with their teams and colleagues:

1. Use NELA data as provided on the website (www.nela.org.uk) to benchmark performance, drive change and lead quality improvement work
2. Facilitate collection of accurate local data for all patients undergoing emergency laparotomy who meet the NELA inclusion criteria
3. Identify areas of care that do not meet NELA standards and lead on change to improve them.

4. Communicate regularly their own hospitals data and performance to multidisciplinary teams involved in the care of emergency laparotomy patients
5. Supported by NELA recommendations, promote awareness of and provide advice upon what is high quality care for emergency laparotomy patients
6. Encourage and support training for multidisciplinary team members in key areas (identified locally) that will support and embed effective processes in the care of emergency laparotomy patients.
7. Liaise regularly with hospital senior leadership teams, including Medical Directors and executive boards, providing up to date performance data, overviews of local quality improvement work and identify areas of potential risk that need to be addressed.
8. Propose relevant changes in local structure, processes and clinical care pathways, supported by NELA data and recommendations to improve the care of emergency laparotomy patients.
9. Engage and support Trainees to lead and deliver QI projects
10. Consider strategies to facilitate patient engagement and support networks locally
11. Be enabled by their line managers to attend NELA QI workshops and other training events relevant to the position.

Supporting processes

NELA will provide data, regional QI training and other resources to enable local leads in their role.

Person Specification	Criteria (E) Essential (D) Desirable
Knowledge	
Good basic understanding of Quality Improvement	E
Knowledge of basic data management	E
Up to date on advances in care of emergency laparotomy patients	E
Experience/Skills	
Relevant clinical skills in the care of complex emergency patients	E
Able to learn to use basic IT techniques to support the role	D
Able to impart information clearly and effectively to colleagues	E
Attributes	
Organised	E
Leadership skills	D
Enthusiastic and motivated	E