

# RESPIRATORY MEDICINE 2020 – HIGH QUALITY, LOW CARBON

## Design and implementation of a discharge care bundle for patients following an exacerbation of COPD

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# What is a care bundle?

- Optimum clinical outcomes require methods of delivering care processes in a consistent manner to reduce unwarranted variation (Fisher 2003).
- A Care Bundle integrates elements of the latest evidence-based guidelines and provides a means for staff to measure compliance to key clinical procedures (DoH2007).
  - usually a distillation of 4-6 priority elements from several published guidelines/articles into a one-page form.
  - must be completed within a defined timescale.
  - all elements should be delivered to maximise patient benefit: compliance = 'yes' if ALL elements are delivered OR = 'no' if ANY element is missed.
  - care bundles do not replace clinical judgement; exceptions should also be evidence based.

# Why develop a care bundle for COPD?

- 5<sup>th</sup> Leading cause of death in the UK, number one reason for hospital admission and readmission, large economic burden to the NHS.
- 2008 RCP audit reveals variations in outcomes
- National Outcomes Strategy
- Improve patient experience
- Trusts to be fined for readmissions.....

# How did we develop it?

- Used NICE, BTS & GOLD international Standards
- Systematic literature review
- Opinion from clinical stakeholders
  - Medical, nursing, physiotherapy, pharmacy
  - Kensington and Chelsea Breathe Easy Group
  - Patient representative input
  - Telephone survey post discharge

- Patient issues
  - Support post discharge
  - More pulmonary rehabilitation / exercise support
  - Unsure about medication
  - Appreciate support with inhalers
- Staff issues
  - Lack of confidence with inhalers
  - Poor understanding of pulmonary rehabilitation



# CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD) DISCHARGE CARE BUNDLE

**Summary** – This care bundle is a group of evidence based items that should be delivered to all patients being discharged from the hospital following an Acute Exacerbation of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (AECOPD). The care bundle aims to improve quality of care, patient experience and minimise the risk of re-hospitalisation. To ensure the bundle can apply to all we have prepared a combination of actions and documents to facilitate the discharge process.

Inform the COPD CNS of all COPD patients within **24 hours of arrival** including patients discharged . Extension \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIOR TO DISCHARGE**

CARE BUNDLE STEPS	
All required documents are included in package.	
<b>1. If patient is a smoker offer smoking cessation assistance</b> For community referral Fax _____ For clinic referral Fax _____	Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2. Pulmonary rehabilitation -assessed for suitability</b> First point of contact, either by the CNS Nurses or Physiotherapist, who will assess and refer patient. Nurse to contact if not done prior to discharge (fax referral form)	Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3. Written COPD patient information given including :</b> •British Lung Foundation Self Management Book •Oxygen alert WALLET card •Information about the Breathe Easy Group	Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4. Satisfactory use of inhalers demonstrated and understood</b> Please assess during medication rounds. Observe the patients using the device(s) and document on electronic prescribing record adequate technique demonstrated. (Refer to pharmacist or CNS if extra support is needed).	Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5. Outpatient follow up appointment made and given to patient</b> Patient should see respiratory medical specialist and COPD respiratory nursing specialist within 1 month of discharge. (Appointment should be scheduled and patient made aware of location, time and date).	Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done <input type="checkbox"/>

**DAY OF DISCHARGE**

*Patient Sticker*

**GO TO**  
**Patient COPD**  
**Safe Discharge**  
**Checklist**

To be completed by nurse with the patient.

Note: Ensure phone Call scheduled for 48-72 hours post discharge. (6)

Nurse (Initials)

Checklist Completed

Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

Place the faxed referral form(s) in the plastic sleeve during the patients stay, at discharge place with the COPD Discharge Checklist in the 'Completed' COPD Care Bundle Box located; \_\_\_\_\_: Nurses Station (Maroon coloured boxes)

Care bundle components are based on:  
 NICE COPD guidelines 2004 (1-5)  
 A Patient Experience Survey CLAHRC team April 2009 (6)  
 Systematic Literature Review supported by CLAHRC April 2009 (1-6)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

This plan is for people who are going home after coming to hospital with a  
'flap' (please)

Be

# COPD safe discharge checklist

Here

You should have been offered a course of steroids.	
The nurse should have explained the plan for your follow up care.	
The doctor should have explained the plan for your follow up care.	
If you are a smoker you should have been offered assistance to quit.	
You should know what the plan for your follow up care is.	
You should have received written information explaining about COPD.	

# Once you are home

1. Hopefully your condition will improve steadily. If you feel that you are getting worse or that your breathing is disturbing your sleep then get in touch with your GP or community COPD team promptly.

GP number: \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you are on a course of antibiotics or steroids it is important to complete them even though you may feel better.
3. You should have a follow up appointment within a few weeks of going home to review your care.
4. Somebody from the hospital or the community team should be in touch in the first few days after you go home to see that you are getting on OK.

Tick if you **do not** want to receive this phone call

**My phone number is:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Preferred time to call:** \_\_\_\_\_

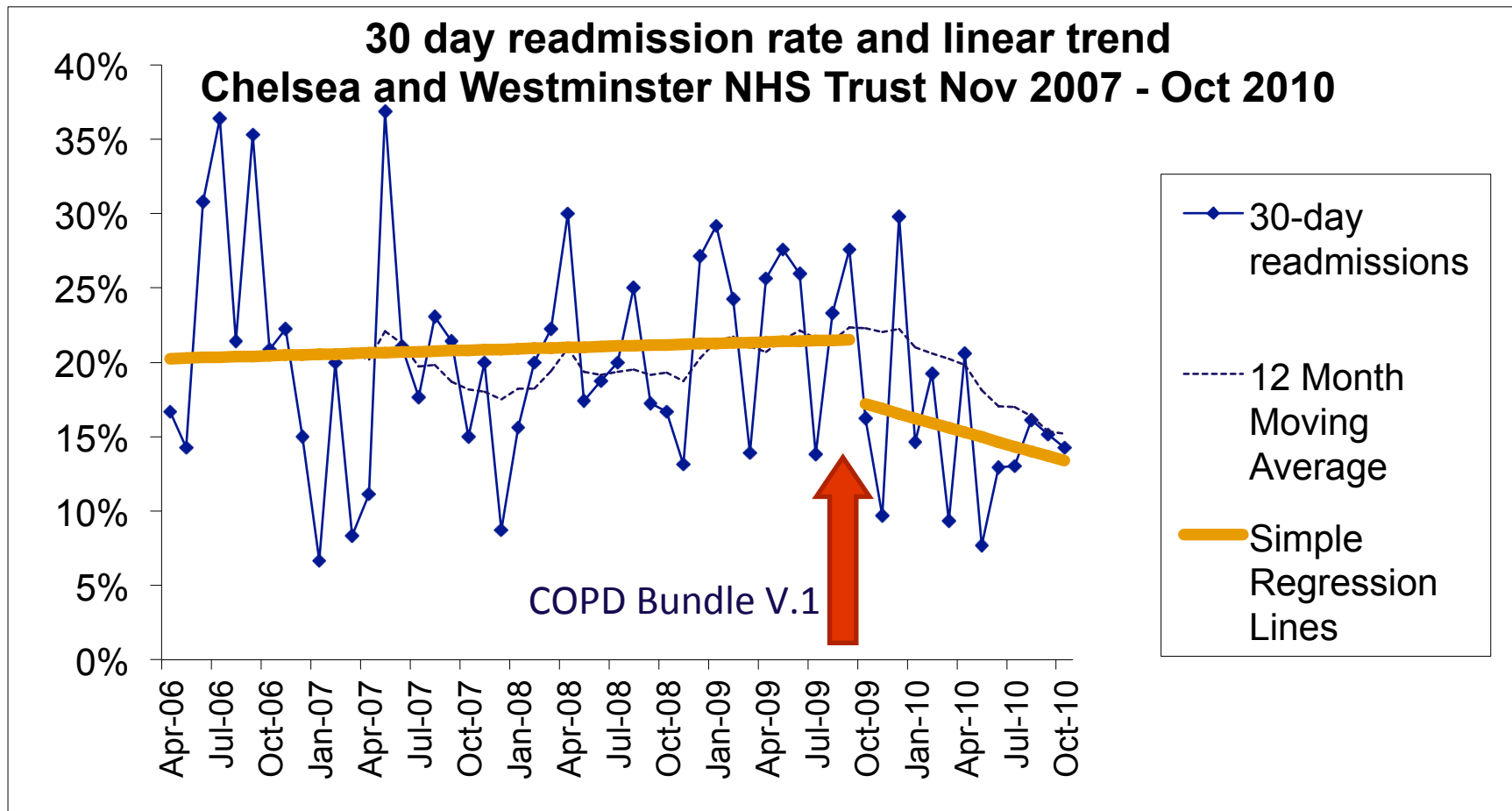
Health Professional (Print and Signature):

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_





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**STAFF MEMBER COMPLETING FORM**

Date/time: ..... Clinical area: .....

Name: .....

Profession: .....

Patient label

**GP PCT**

Brent  Harrow  Ealing  Barnet  Hillingdon

**COPD Discharge Bundle**

**Instructions**

- All patients admitted with an exacerbation of COPD should have a discharge care bundle and be referred to CNS/Physio as soon as possible. For NPH contact CNS Bleep 478/Ext. 2508 or Respiratory Physio Bleep 580. For CMH contact Respiratory Physio Bleep 586.
- Complete patient, staff and ward information in above box.
- Complete all care bundle steps and Duplicate Box (below right) for audit.
- Peel off sticker and place in notes.
- Place remaining document in audit tray for audit purposes and/or contact relevant personnel as step 1.

PEEL HERE

**CARE BUNDLE STEPS**  
All required documents are included in package.

<p><b>1. If patient is a smoker offer smoking cessation assistance</b> Refer 02089661008 (Harrow) Other ..... Completed Declined N/A Refer 02087956669 (Brent)</p>	Completed	Declined	N/A	Signature
<p><b>2. Pulmonary rehabilitation: screened for suitability</b> CNS and Physiotherapist will identify suitable patients and follow appropriate referral pathways for each PCT.</p>	Completed	Declined	N/A	Signature
<p><b>3. Self Management:</b> Written disease information given Rescue packs recommended by HCP: Individualised self management plans supplied</p>	Yes	N/A		Signature
<p><b>4. Satisfactory use of inhalers demonstrated and understood</b> Please assess during medication rounds. Observe the patients using the device(s) and document adequate technique demonstrated, if not (Refer to CNS, Pharmacist or Physiotherapist if support needed).</p>	Completed		N/A	Signature
<p><b>5. Appropriate follow up arrangement made</b> Respiratory OPD considered if: NIV required / 1st presentation / LTOT assessment Respiratory Community Services if severe COPD (follow guidance) and seen by respiratory team. If already under community respiratory team, inform team of discharge. OPD Comm GP If above not applicable, follow up with GP.</p>	Completed		N/A	Signature

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**DUPLICATE BOX FOR AUDIT**

GP PCT .....

Once boxes 1-5 have been completed, write the following for audit

1. Patient offered smoking cessation  
Completed Declined N/A
2. Pulmonary Rehabilitation  
Completed Declined N/A
3. Self Management  
Completed N/A
4. Satisfactory use of Inhalers  
Completed
5. Appropriate follow up arrangements  
YES NO N/A
6. COPD Bundle notification sent to GP  
YES NO

**LARGE CARE BUNDLE**

COPD .  
including patients discharged .  
Charing Cross 17044 or St Marys 27988

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

**Patient Sticker**

Ward: \_\_\_\_\_

On discharge fax to respiratory nurse and place bundle in notes.

Hammersmith 33066

Charing Cross 17044

St Marys 27988

Discharge Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Smoker	Completed	Declined	Signature
Referral Made	Declined	Not Done	Signature
Easy	Rescue Pack Given	Signature	
	Already has	n/a	
Understood	Satisfactory	Signature	
Referral Made			
Sprometry on discharge	Signature		
Outpatient Appointment Requested			
Community Appointment Requested			

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

Ward: \_\_\_\_\_

On discharge fax to respiratory nurse and place bundle in notes.

Hammersmith 33066

Charing Cross 17044

St Marys 27988

Discharge Date: \_\_\_\_\_

West Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust

**CARE BUNDLE**

being discharged from the hospital following improve quality of care, patient experience and completion of actions and documents to facilitate

Patient Label

smoker, N/A Not done

Not Done

Not Done

Not Done

**DAY OF DISCHARGE**

**GO TO Patient COPD Safe Discharge Checklist**

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Nurse (Initials)

Checklist Completed

Date: / /

Chelsea & Westminster COPD Bundle Component and North West London Hospitals NHS Trust Care Bundle Design

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If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Outpatient follow up appointment made and given to patient**  
Patients should see respiratory medical specialist or respiratory nursing specialist (or community respiratory matron) within 1 month of discharge. (Appointment should be scheduled and patient made aware of location, time and date).

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Completed Not done

Place the form(s) in the plastic sleeve during the patients stay, at discharge place completed forms in the 'Completed' COPD Care Bundle Box located on Osterley 2.

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# NW London experience

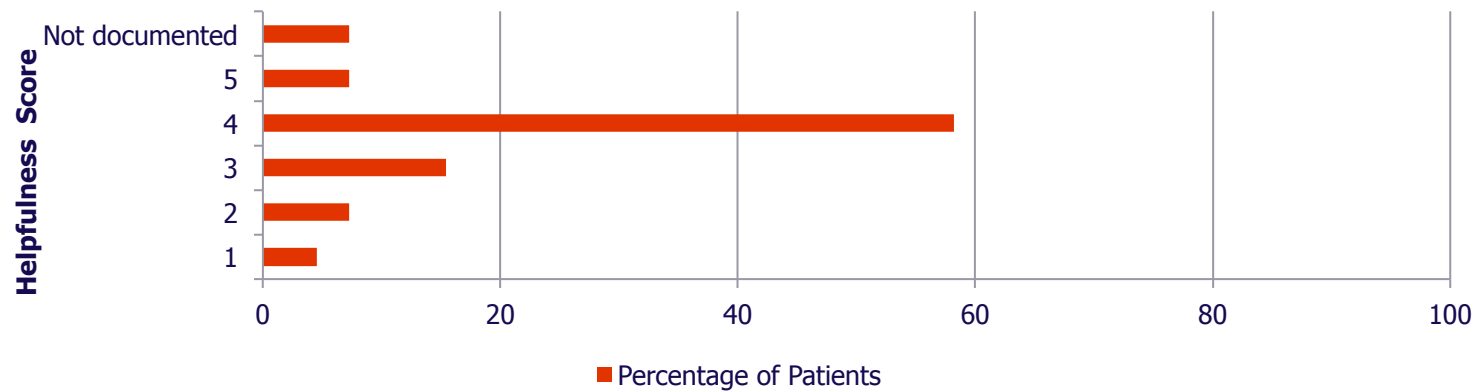
In 18 months –

W Mid 186

NW London 389

ICNT 529

## Helpfulness Score of the 72 Hour Discharge Phone Call Assigned by COPD Patients

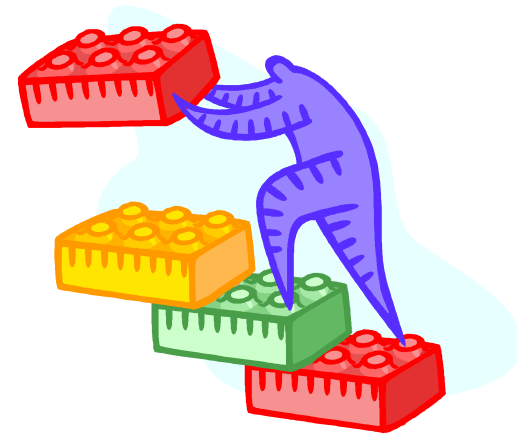


## Shared challenges across sites

- Engagement of a multi-professional team
- Staff shortages/fast turnover
- Engagement of a patient representative
- Usage of improvement/CLAHRC methodology tools e.g. PDSA cycles, web reporting tool
- Patient coding
- Lack of downstream services such as Pulmonary rehabilitation

# Shared facilitators

- Partnership with Patients
- Persistence in staff engagement/awareness
  - Induction
  - Teaching
- Pivotal Players
- Peer Reviews
- PDSA
- Providing the tools
- Performing champions
- Coding



## Making a difference ....

- Awareness in patient groups
- Cost efficiency
- Quality increased
  - Pulmonary rehabilitation
  - Smoking cessation
  - Inhaler use
- Spread within NWL
- NHS London Respiratory CQUIN
- Interest beyond NWL to rest of UK and Europe.
- BTS developing admission/discharge bundles