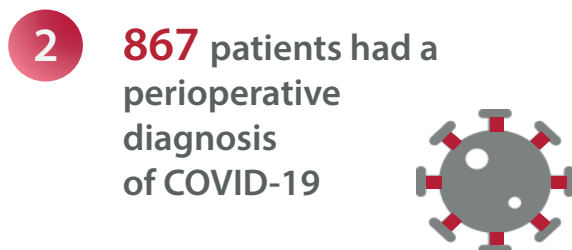
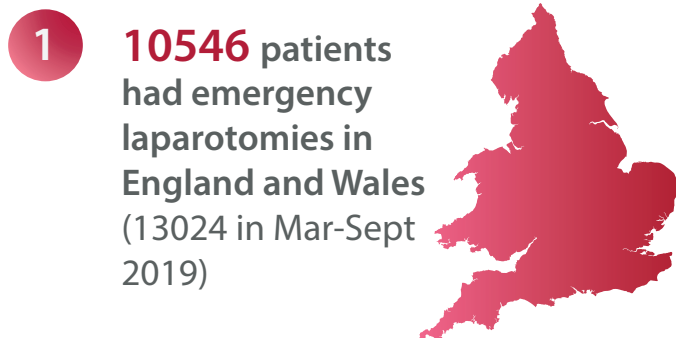


Every year in England and Wales, around 25000 patients undergo an emergency laparotomy (emergency bowel surgery). Emergency laparotomy patients are cared for by a multi-disciplinary team including critical care, anaesthetists and surgeons. During March-September 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic significantly affected hospitals' service, systems and staffing, disrupting the care of emergency laparotomy patients. This interim report aims to describe the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the care of emergency laparotomy patients during the first national lockdown in 2020.

Executive Summary of COVID-19 Report

Results from March - September 2020



81.7% of high-risk non-COVID-19 patients were admitted to critical care

84.4% of high-risk COVID-19 positive patients were admitted to critical care

