

A new future for hip fracture care – orthogeriatrician lead in an ‘Acute’ Hip Unit

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Clinical and scientific letters: The national early warning score gives misleading scores for oxygen saturation in patients at risk of hypercapnia

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An error was introduced to Table 1 of this article. A corrected table is printed below.

Table 1. Application of the oxygen section of the NEWS chart to 400 routine observations rounds for 22 patients on a respiratory ward with target oxygen saturation range of 88–92%.

SpO ₂	Number of observations (%)	Number with appropriate oximetry score in NEWS (%)
Satisfactory	350 (87.5) > 270 had saturation within target range > 80 had saturation >92% breathing air	22/350 (6.3) > 22 had SpO ₂ ≥96% breathing air > 328 scored ‘too low’ in NEWS
<88%	10 (2.5)	10/10 (100.0) All scored 3 points for hypoxaemia
>92% breathing oxygen	40 (10.0)	0/40 (0.0) 34/40 scored ‘too low’ in NEWS
Total	400 (100.0)	32/400 (8.0)

In total, 19 patients had chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and three had complex lung disease with hypercapnia. NEWS = national early warning score; SpO₂ = oxygen saturation.