



Deterioration Of Sight Caused By Delay In Review Or Treatment: Frequency and morbidity

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Statement Of Research Questions

1. To identify the frequency of patients presenting with loss of vision or visual function to the hospital eye service caused by a delay in receiving ophthalmic care.
2. Describe the patterns of severity and the associated eye diseases and conditions
3. Describe the demographic characteristics of the patient population and report the resulting visual loss/morbidity

Case Definition

- Irreversible deterioration of vision in at least one eye of 3 lines of Snellen acuity or 15 letters on the ETDRS chart or deterioration in the visual field of 3 decibels due to a delay in ophthalmic review or care caused either wholly or partially by the health service including any delays related to COVID-19
- Patients whose vision has irreversibly deteriorated to below that measured on the Snellen chart to counting fingers or worse following a delay in ophthalmic review or care caused either wholly or partially by the health service including any delays related to COVID-19
- Patients who have required a surgical intervention that would have been unnecessary or avoidable should appropriate follow up taken place

Please exclude:

- Patients who are listed for routine cataract surgery where sight loss is expected to be temporary
- Harm due to delays caused solely by the patient's failure to attend (DNA) are not included
- Patients 18 years old or under