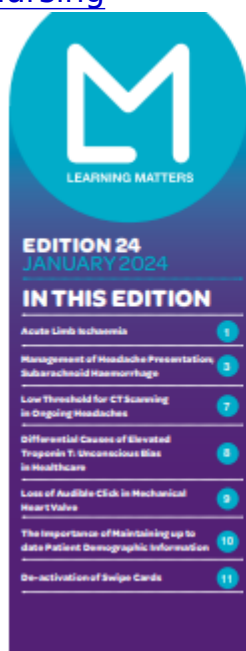


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Welcome to edition 24 of the Learning Matters Newsletter. Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland endeavours to provide the highest quality service to those in its care. We recognise that we need to use a variety of ways to share learning therefore the purpose of this newsletter is to complement the existing methods by providing staff with short examples of incidents where learning has been identified.

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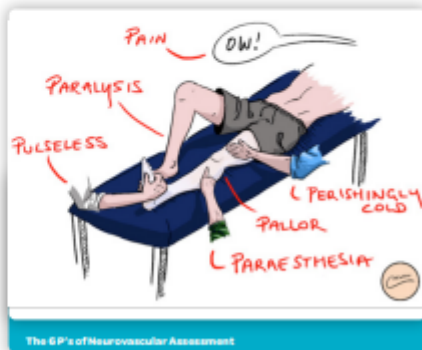
Acute Limb Ischaemia

Summary of Serious Adverse Incident (SAI)

A patient attended the Emergency Department (ED) complaining of pins and needles at the top of their leg, with grey discoloration and toes cold to touch. The patient had a history of disc prolapse and previous sciatica like symptoms. On examination by the ED doctor, a diagnosis of sciatica was made and the patient was discharged with analgesia and request for the General Practitioner (GP) to refer for neurological review.

Five days later the patient reattended the ED with an obvious cold white limb. They were referred urgently to the vascular service and had surgery for clot removal, however two days later they experienced a heavy bleed and further surgery was required for above knee amputation.

The findings from the Serious Adverse Incident (SAI) review confirmed the initial examining doctor recorded a thorough examination, however the previous history of disc prolapse influenced the differential diagnosis of referred pain and the



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