

National Ophthalmology Audit 2020-21

National clinical audits measure and protect patient safety and professional standards. The Royal College of Ophthalmologists (RCOphth) runs the National Ophthalmology Database (NOD) Cataract audit which measures the outcomes of NHS funded Cataract surgery across England and Wales, and now includes a new Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) audit.

On behalf of Newmedica, Medical Director Nigel Kirkpatrick says:

“We are very proud of our Newmedica results. The figures demonstrate that a patient is half as likely to have significant surgery complications in one of our centres compared to the national average. All figures have been adjusted to take into account any variation in the complexity of surgery between different centres. This result, when coupled with significant shorter waiting times for surgery means good news for NHS patients who want to restore their eyesight with cataract surgery”.

PCR performance 2020-2021

Posterior capsular rupture (PCR) is a break in the posterior capsule of the lens, which can occur as a complication of cataract surgery. PCR is the most important, and only potentially modifiable predictor of visual harm from surgery.



Adjusted Posterior
Capsular rupture (PCR)

0.32%
Newmedica

0.67%
NHS Average

“At Newmedica, our patients are half as less likely to experience PCR compared to the national average”

Nigel Kirkpatrick, MD FRCOphth

The audit reported on:



Patients median age for their first eye was **75** years and second eye **76** years



252,031 NHS cataracts operations performed in England & Wales



Data collected from **1,920** surgeons



42.3% Patients were men
55.6% Patients were women
2.1% Not disclosed

172,320 Eligible cataract operations were audited

- 74** NHS Trusts in England
- 4** Local Health Boards in Wales
- 8** Independent providers of NHS funded surgery (across 54 individual sites)
- 1** Centre in Guernsey
- 1** Private provider

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