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Dear <Insert name>,

Re: National Audit of Seizure Management in hospitals 3 (NASH 3)

We are writing to invite you to participate in the third round of the National Audit of Seizure Management (NASH) (<http://www.nashstudy.org.uk>), which will be open to data collection from autumn 2018. NASH sets out to describe the variations of Epilepsy care given across hospitals in the UK and to highlight opportunities to improve care.

There have been 2 earlier rounds of NASH in 2011 and 2013. As well as European Audit (EuroNASH) (<http://www.euronash.eu/>), which took place in 2017/2018. The UK audits included over 80% of EDs and data were collected on over 8000 patients. Significant deficiencies in the coordination of care were identified, including:

- Almost two thirds of patients attending ED with known epilepsy had not seen a specialist within the previous 12 months or were on therapy that was sub-optimal
- Assessment of the acute seizure was less than optimal in more than half of patients
- Less than half were referred onward to neurology or epilepsy services for further investigation and management.
- Considerable variability in care was identified. Some sites performed consistently well, despite on-going challenges, whilst others did not.

Now is the time to undertake another round of the Audit to identify whether care has improved following an opportunity to implement changes.

Each participating Trust is asked to identify 30 consecutive patients attending the ED with a seizures, and provide anonymous data via a secure website. Feedback from previous audits is that this was simple to do and most data were collected by medical staff. Further information can also be found at <http://www.nashstudy.org.uk/>.

As in the previous audits, all participating Trusts will be provided an individual report showing how they compare with the national average. An anonymous example can be found here [www.nashstudy.org.uk/Newsletters.aspx](http://www.nashstudy.org.uk/Newsletters.aspx)

Additionally, sites were invited to regional meetings in order to discuss the results and share best practice. Once NASH3 is completed we will invite participating sites, CCG's, and relevant STPs to regional meetings to discuss the audit findings

We hope you can see the benefits of participating in NASH3 and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours Faithfully