

The Second Irish National Audit of Dementia Care in Acute Hospitals (INAD-2)

What is INAD-2?

The first Irish National Audit of Dementia care in acute hospitals (INAD) in 2013 explored dementia care delivery to people with dementia admitted to hospital. A second audit (INAD-2) is happening in 2019 in all acute and orthopaedic hospitals in the Republic of Ireland. The audit has 3 parts:

1. Hospital organisational audit (interview with senior hospital staff about hospital policies and procedures)
2. Environmental audit (observation of the structural environment within a number of areas in the hospital)
3. Case note audit (examining the care received by people with dementia through an audit of case notes)

Who is carrying out INAD-2?

INAD-2 is a partnership between the National Dementia Office and Healthcare Audit, Quality Assurance and Verification (QAV), both within the Health Service Executive (HSE). The Steering Committee is co-chaired by a representative from the National Dementia Office and HSE Acute Operations. The audit is performed by the INAD-2 Coordinator, together with relevant hospital staff and HSE Healthcare auditors, QAV.

What is the purpose of INAD-2?

The audit aims to provide an overview of current dementia care in acute hospitals. This will be compared with the findings of INAD from 2013. It will inform future local and national education plans, and staffing and resource allocation.



How might I be involved in INAD-2?

In each hospital, the medical notes of 30 people with dementia who stayed for at least 3 days in hospital, in 2019, will be audited by hospital doctors and nurses, with a quality check by HSE Healthcare auditors, QAV.

Please note that you won't be notified if your notes are audited, as audit is part of routine hospital practice.

It is also important to note that this audit is looking at dementia care in acute hospitals overall, not the care that any one person may have received in a particular hospital.

Also, this audit is not looking at medical or nursing care in general. It is only about dementia care (e.g. anticipating and reducing the particular problems a person with dementia might have in hospital).

What will happen to the results?

Data from all the audited hospitals will be combined to form a national audit report. This report will be publicly available on the National Dementia Office website and the HSE Quality Assurance and Verification website.

All results will be anonymised, so no patient can be identified in any part of the report.

The report will contain recommendations for action at a national level to continue to improve our care of people with dementia in acute hospitals.

Hospitals and hospital groups will also get their own results for local action (e.g. more staff training). Again here, no patient will be identified in the local results.

Where can I find more information?

The report from the first INAD was published in 2014 and can be downloaded from the audit website: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/inad/>

This website also contains more detailed information about the INAD-2 audit, the audit process and the INAD-2 Steering Committee.

Until April 2020, you can also contact the National Audit Coordinator: Dr Mairéad Bracken-Scally, either by phone on 057-9318477 or by email at mbrackenscally@muh.ie

Or at any time you can contact the National Dementia Office at dementia.office@hse.ie

If you have any comments or concerns about any aspect of care in your local hospital, you can feedback directly to the hospital.