

7.15 A systematic assessment clinic for severe COPD is feasible and a positive experience for patients

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The COPD At-Risk Assessment(CARA) clinic was established in 2021 for COPD patients with advanced disease, high healthcare use and symptom burden. All undergo systematic evaluation with Medical, ANP, and Physiotherapy review. Laboratory, radiology and oxygen assessments are performed. The clinic aims to provide patient-centred, individualised assessment and management of COPD. We sought to establish patient satisfaction of this new clinic and identify areas for improvement. An adapted HSE patient experience survey was sent to 22 clinic attendees and returned anonymously. Survey questions examined patient satisfaction (3 questions), and knowledge of their condition (7 questions) with “Yes/No” responses. Overall clinic experience was examined using a 5-point Likert scale from very poor to excellent. A free text comments box was provided. Fifteen(68%) completed surveys were returned. All patients (100%) reported satisfaction with the treatment, time and privacy provided to them. Reassuringly, 80% felt knowledge of their condition, its management and treatment was improved. Overall, the experience of the clinic was excellent(53%) or very good(47%). A multidisciplinary systematic assessment clinic for COPD is feasible to run and is beneficial and acceptable to patients. To improve this service we are focussing on developing strategies to ensure the educational needs of all patients are met. ***Conflict of Interest: None to declare***