

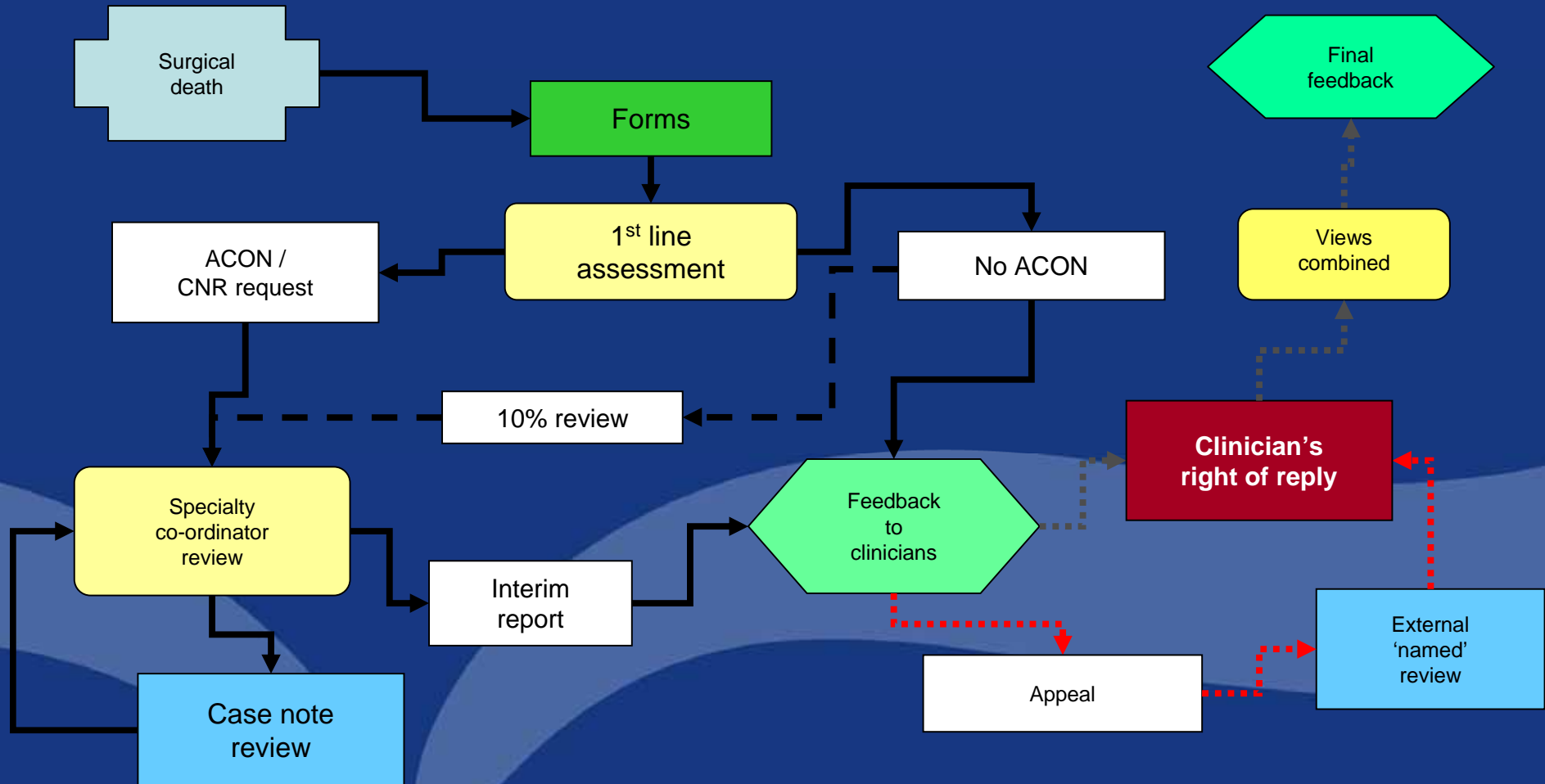


# Scottish Audit of Surgical Mortality

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# Audit Purpose

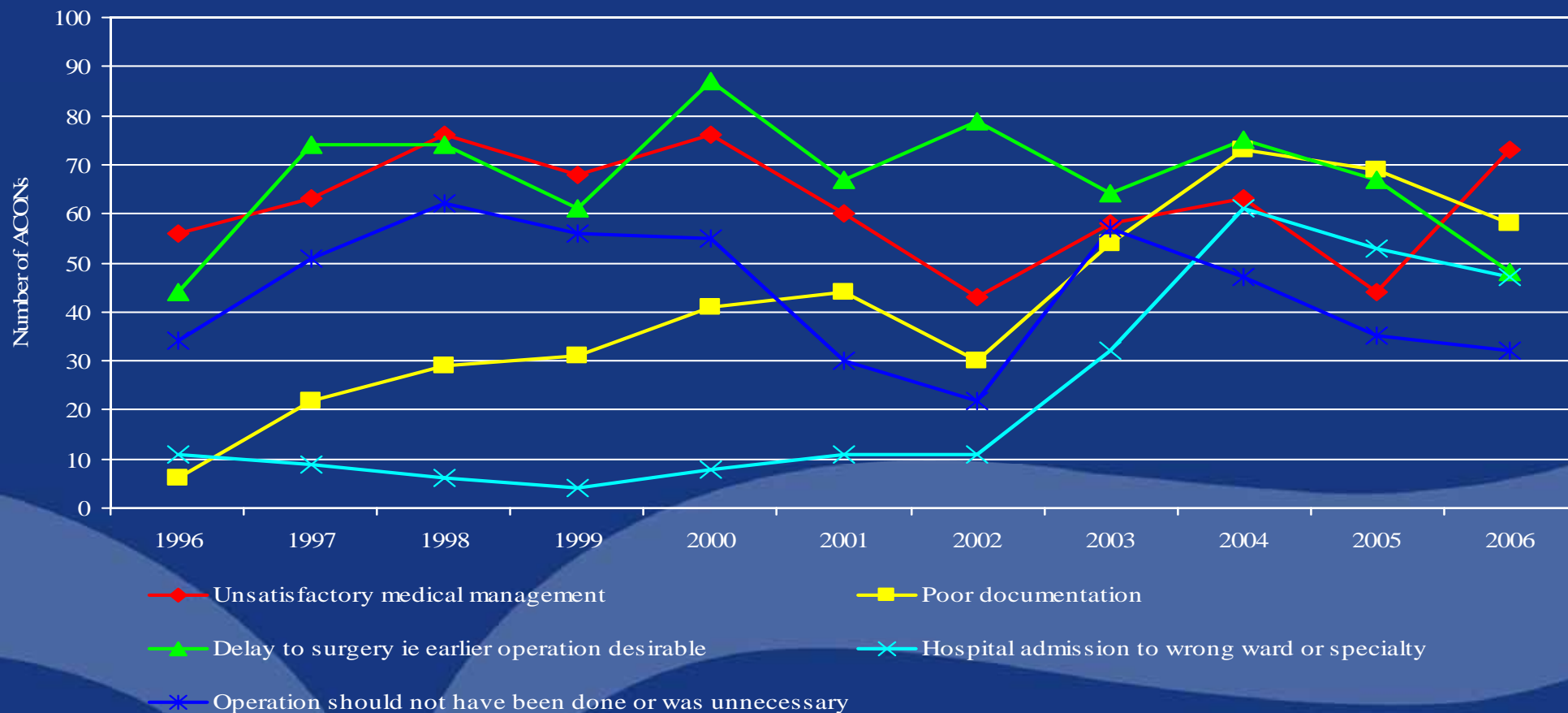
- Educational
  - Peer review all deaths under surgical care
  - Reflective and corrective practice
- Role in clinical governance



# Engagement with clinical community to change practice

- Individual feedback
- Individual annual report
- Hospital Report
- Case note assessment booklet
- Annual report
  - Press and public

## Top 5 ACONs in 2006



## Use of HDU/ICU: elderly

- General surgery: 60%
- Vascular: from 27% to 59%
- Orthopaedics: 15% (28 patients)
  - 155 did not receive this care
  - In only 5 was this an ACON

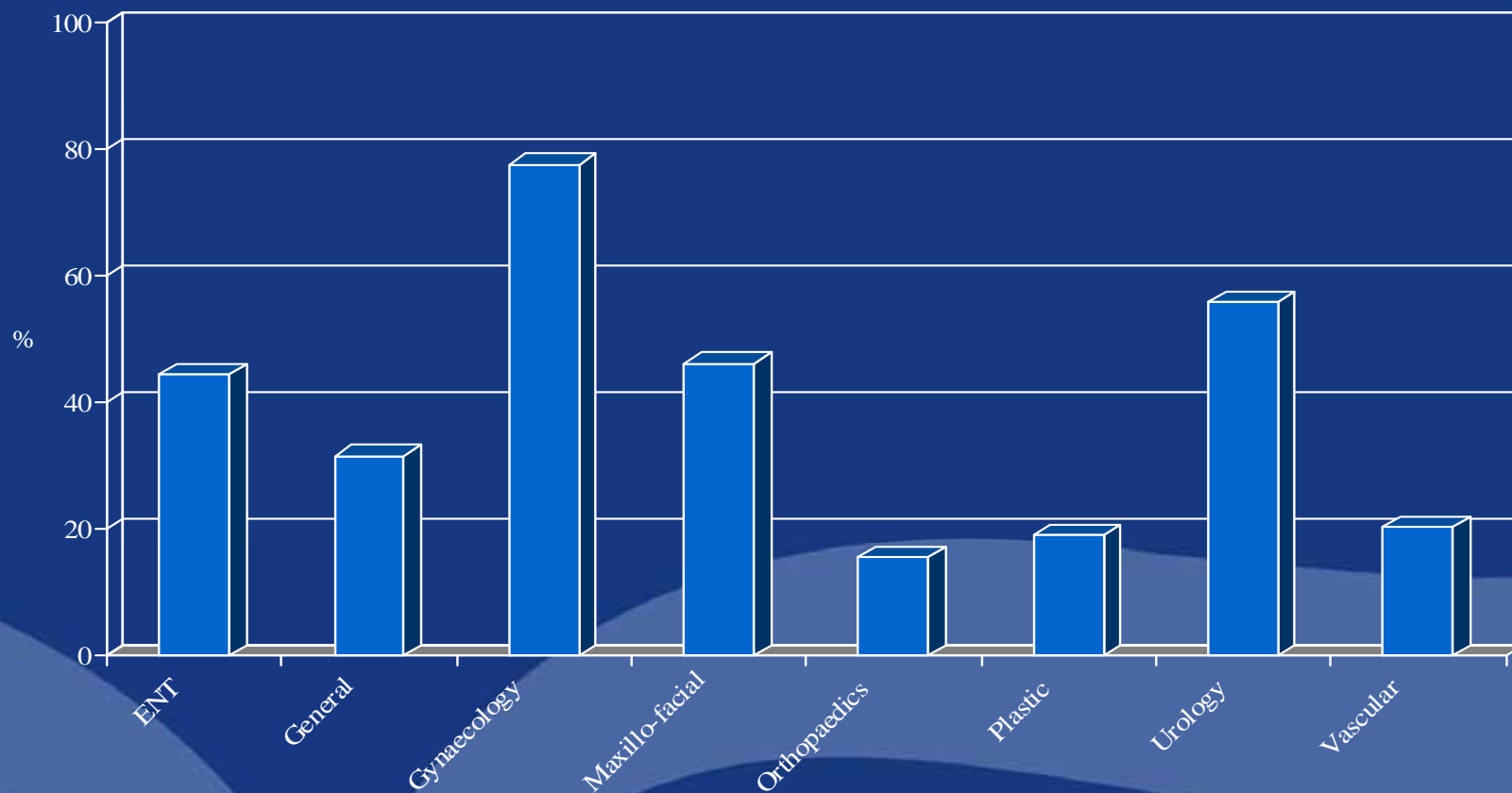
# Engagement with clinical community to change practice

- Website and regular newsletter
- Meetings
  - Assessors', SAMD, CMO, FOI commissioner
- Other audits/ groups/ reports
- Clinical Governance
  - closing the loop

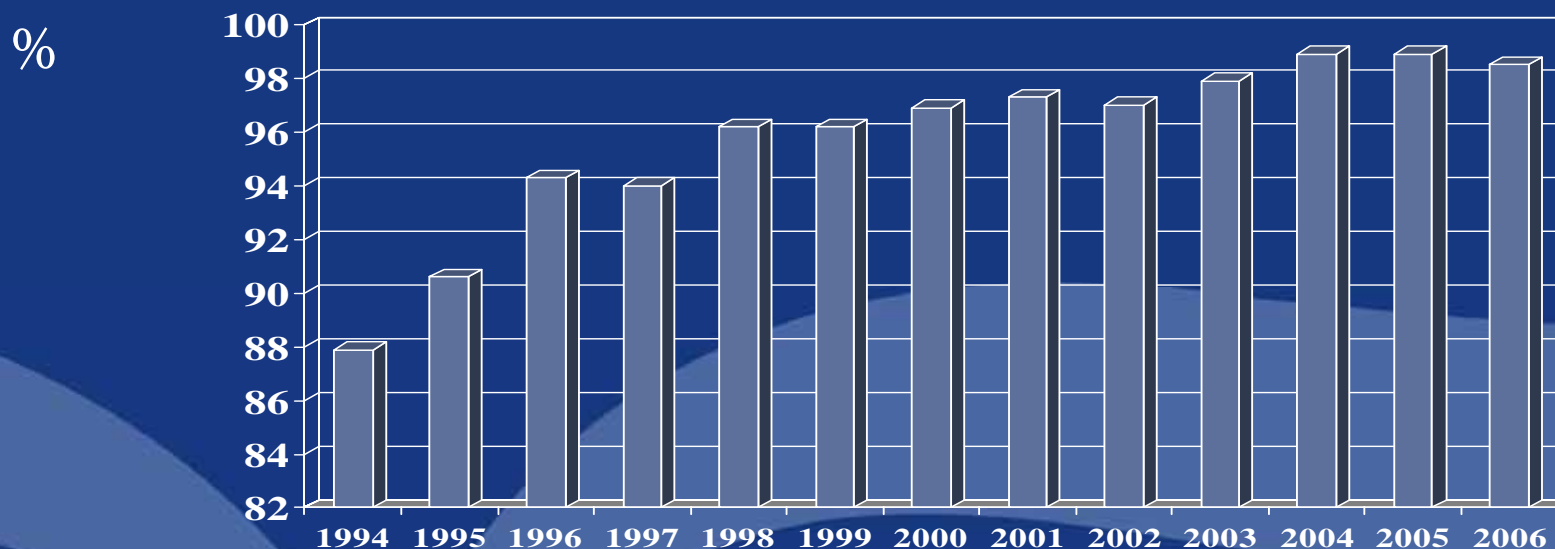
## Improvements to patient care

- Driver for change
  - HDU/ITU
  - DVT prophylaxis
  - Palliative care

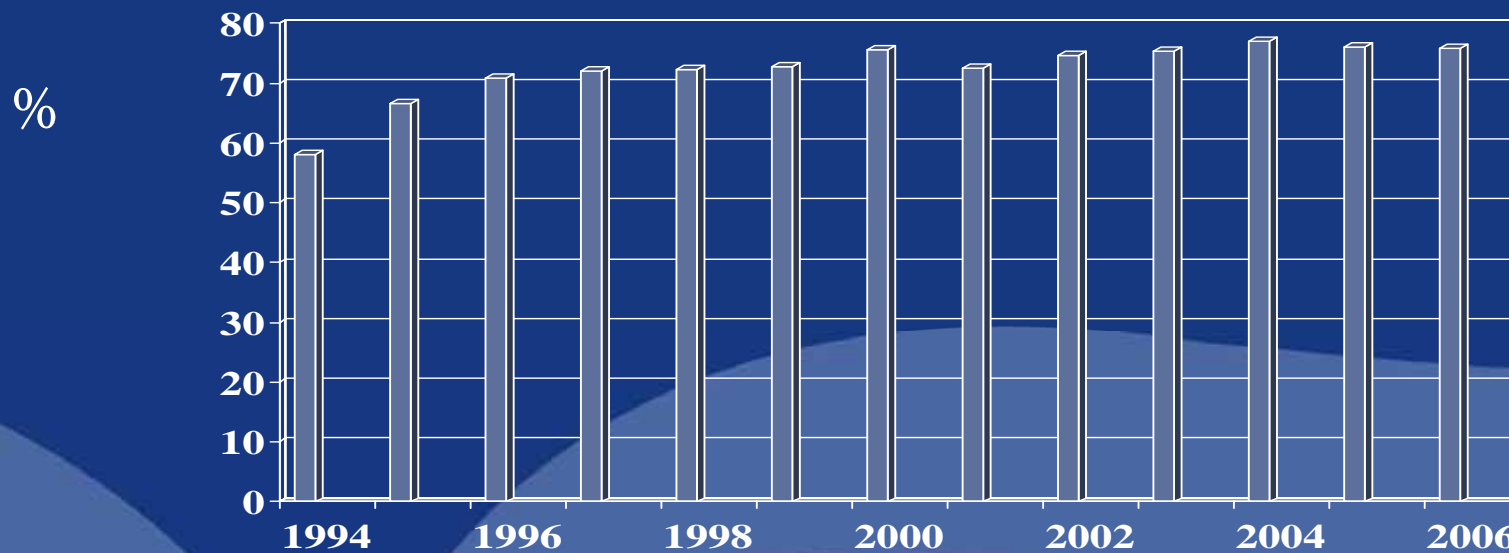
## Percentage of patients receiving palliative care, by specialty



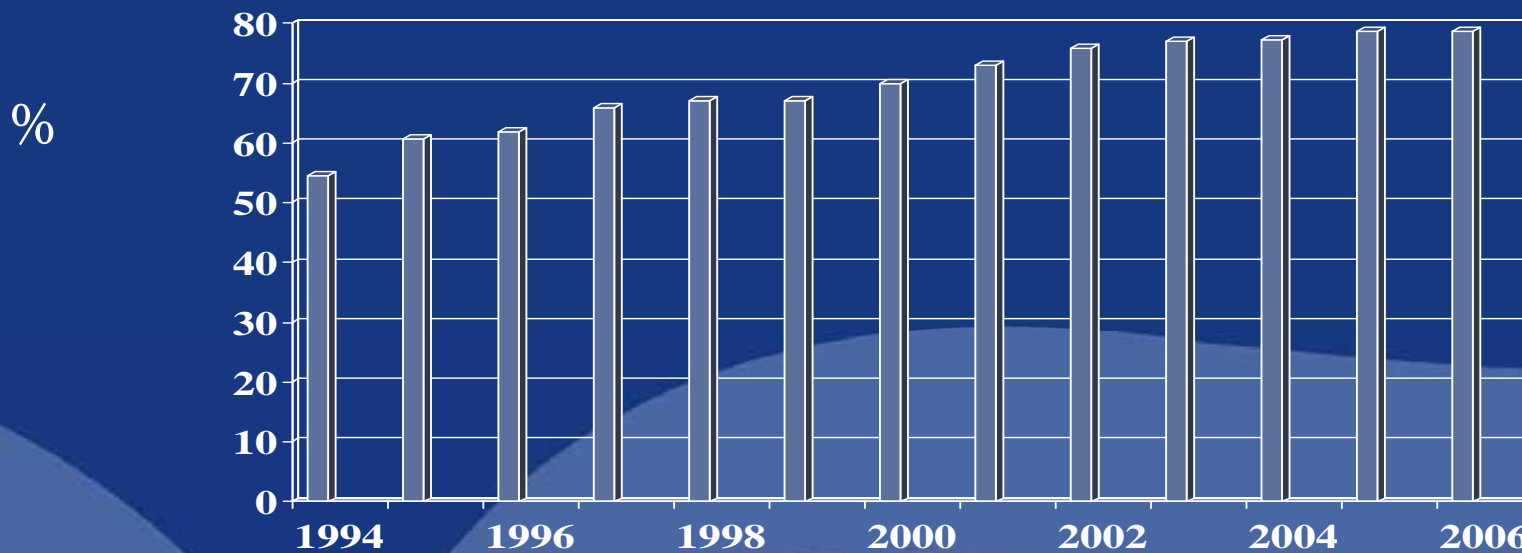
# Consultant decision to operate



# Consultant operator/assistant



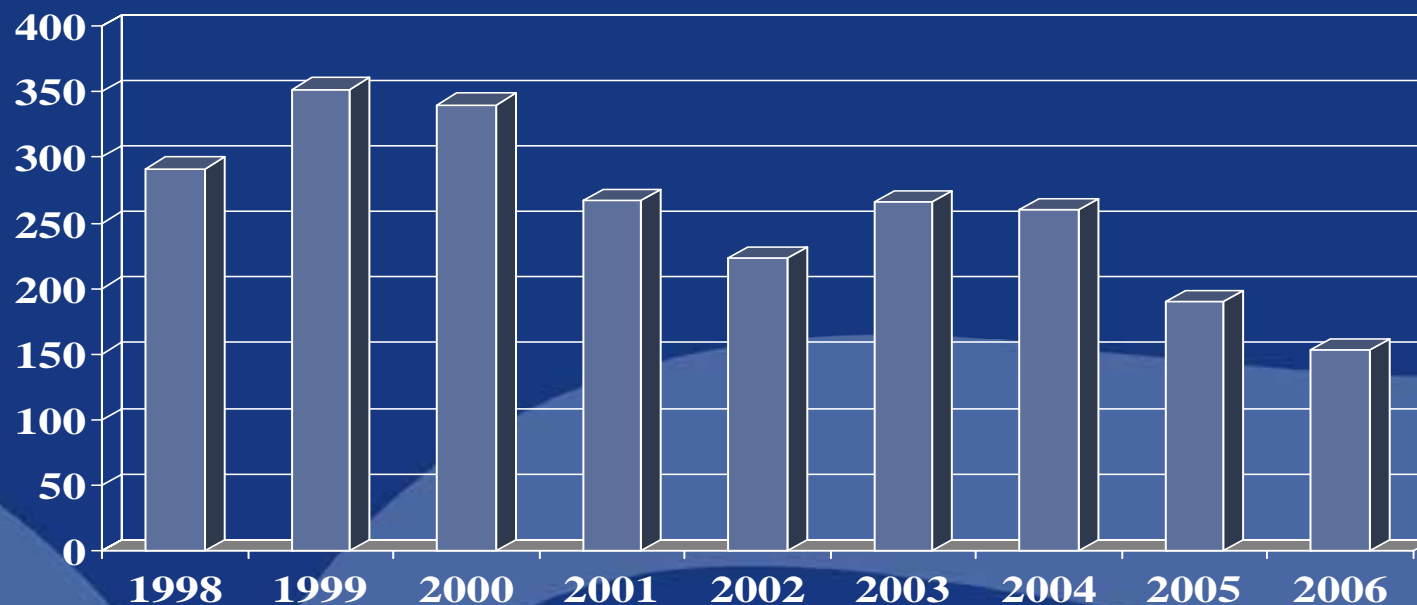
# Consultant anaesthetist present



## ACON: Too junior/not asked for help

- Surgery
  - 1999: 67
  - 2006: 12
- Anaesthesia
  - 1999: 54
  - 2006: 14

# ACON: SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION



# Future

- eSASM
- Adaptable: Topics of interest
- Include all surgical specialties
  - Interventional radiology
- ? Medical
  - Gastroenterology
  - Renal
- Clinical Governance/ regulation
  - ? Voluntary/ confidential
- CULTURE CHANGE