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### JMO Documentation Standards in St Vincent's Emergency Department Sydney – A Closed Loop Audit

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**Objective:** To ascertain whether Junior Medical Officer clinical note taking in the Emergency Department meets the standards required of New South Wales Health

**Methods:** One week worth of clinical entries were compared against a checklist adapted from New South Wales health documentation policy before and after an intervention.

**Results:** Substantial numbers of entries written by Junior Doctors were missing key information, specifically adequate timing of entries (36%), differential diagnoses (35%), Results of investigations (32%) and Addendums (18%). There was at least 50% improvement in these shortcomings post intervention.

**Conclusion:** There were consistent shortcomings in documentation standards amongst ED Junior Medical Officers prior to intervention. Results of this closed loop audit have shown this could easily be improved with simple interventions highlighting the importance of documentation standards in either a medical school or induction setting.

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