



# Certificate of participation

SHARC project:

**PREPS re-audit February 2019**

The project:

PREPS was a snapshot of how well patients were prepared for emergency surgery, undertaken in Jan 2018 in five South Yorkshire hospitals. This snapshot identified two major areas for improvement: the knowledge of surgical ward staff (medical and nursing) about which medications should be given and which should be withheld prior to surgery, and the length of time a patient is fasted of water prior to surgery.

The SHARC team designed a poster detailing important and common medications to be given and withheld and fasting times for food and fluid; this poster was distributed throughout Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, included in the Foundation Doctors' Handbook and nurses' teaching.

This re-audit was carried out in February 2019 at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals and involved surveying the same staff to assess their current knowledge and collecting fluid fasting times for patients in emergency theatre.

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