# Safe Outpatient Clinics

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## Safe Surgery

- 40% of errors shown to have their origin in outpatient department
- Communication
- Wrong patient, wrong site, wrong operation

#### Outpatient visit

- History & examination, order investigations
- Review results
- Advise on management, answer queries
- Informed consent
- Record keeping and administration
- Correspondence
- Teaching

#### **BOA** Guidelines

- New 15-20 mins
- Review 10-15 mins

#### Clinic capacity

- Consultant
- 20 mins x new patient 3pts per hr
- 10 mins x review patient 6pts per hr
- Options
- 24 reviews in 4 hours 24
- 6 new & 12 reviews in 4 hrs 18

### Clinic capacity

- Consultant & 1 SpR
- New SpR 20 mins + 10 mins 2pts per hr
- Review SpR 10 + 5 mins 4pts per hr

#### Options

- I SpR & consultant 4n + 8r 12
- Consultant
   18r
   18 30 total
- 2SpR & consultant 8n + 16r 24
- Consultant
   8r
   32 total
- 2SpR & consultant 4n + 24r 28
- Consultant
   8r
   8 36 total



Who says nothing is impossible. I've been doing nothing for years.

# IITOS guidelines

- Service demands
- Safe care
- Waiting lists
- Patient expectations
- HIQA
- Teaching
- Stress / burnout??

