establish their diagnostic value and value in management of abnormal skull shape.

**Methods** Retrospective chart review conducted as a 2 part study in children who were referred with a skull x-ray.

Part A: Referrals of abnormal skull shapes to the National Pediatric Craniofacial Center (NPCC), Temple Street Children’s Hospital, between 1st January 2015 and 30th May 2017


**Results and Findings** Part A: 300 children were referred with 59 skull x-rays. This represented 20% of all patients referred during the time period. Of these 44 (75%) were found to be a match with 15 (25%) not matching the final clinical diagnosis.

Part B: 274 children underwent surgery for a confirmed craniosynostosis between 1st January 2011 - 25th October 2017. 63 pts had skull x-rays on referral- this represents 23% of all operated children in the time period. Of these 41 (63%) were found to be a match with 17 (29%) not matching the final clinical diagnosis. 5 (8%) were inconclusive.

**Conclusions** Part A: In 25% of the children referred to the NPCC with abnormal skull shape, their clinical diagnosis did not match their x-ray report. As such, skull x-rays did not contribute to their management.

Part B: In 35% of children who underwent surgery for craniosynostosis, their clinical diagnosis did not match their radiological diagnosis.

In the remaining children who had a skull x-ray performed and underwent surgery for craniosynostosis, the majority (88%) had a subtype of craniosynostosis which our clinical team who feel confident to diagnosis clinically without imaging.

As such, it can be said that in 92% of children who underwent surgery at the NPCC the x-ray did not contribute to their management.

We recommend clinicians should check with the NPCC with respect to the protocol for x-rays where craniosynostosis is suspected as in most cases the diagnosis is clinically obvious to the craniofacial surgeon.

**GP10** CHRONIC NONBACTERIAL OSTEOMYELITIS: THE IRISH EXPERIENCE

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**Background** Chronic nonbacterial osteomyelitis (CNO) is a rare autoinflammatory disease affecting bone with an estimated prevalence of 1 in 104. Untreated CNO can result in complications such as vertebral compression fractures and leg length discrepancy. Limited data on different clinical phenotypes and efficacy of treatments (such as NSAIDs, steroids, methotrexate, bisphosphonates and biologic agents) makes prognosis challenging.

**Objectives** To describe the clinical phenotype of an Irish cohort of patients with CNO including treatment response.

**Methods** Retrospective chart review of current patients attending the National Centre for Paediatric Rheumatology and the Rheumatology Department in the Children’s University Hospital. Clinical charts, radiology and histology reports were reviewed. All data was coded and statistical analysis was performed in R.

**Results** Clinical charts of 37 patients with CNO were reviewed. The median age at onset was 8.5 years, median follow-up was 3 years and the median number of sites 3 (1–21). F:M was 2:7.1. 94% had multifocal disease. 35% had a personal history of an associated disease such as psoriasis, inflammatory arthritis or inflammatory bowel disease. A first- or second-degree family history of an associated disease was present in 54%. All patients underwent whole-body MRI prior to diagnosis. All patients with unifocal disease underwent biopsy to rule out infection or malignancy.

Treatment escalation beyond NSAIDs was required in 51% with biologic agents being used in 84% of those requiring second-line treatment. The indications for second-line treatment were in keeping with recent CARRA guidelines; persistent active disease on NSAIDS (n=12), the presence of spinal lesions (n=5), the presence of a physical lesion (n=1) and pre-existing JIA (n=1). Biologic agents led to symptomatic improvement in all patients while none of the patients in this cohort responded to bisphosphonates; response to methotrexate was variable.

**Conclusions** There was a low incidence of unifocal disease and a high incidence of either a personal or family history of associated diseases in this cohort. Those with unifocal disease were less likely to have an associated inflammatory disease or to require second-line treatment. The rate of progression to biologic treatment was higher than that reported most other cohorts. Multinational collaborative consistent data collection with clearly defined outcomes is required to ascertain the association between different CNO phenotypes and outcomes.

**GP11** EFFICACY OF SOFT TISSUE SURGERY FOR FLEXION KNEE CONTRACTURES IN CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY

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**Aim of the Study** To assess the results of concomitant hamstring lengthening and plication of the patellar tendon.

**Methods** Retrospective data of 38 patients (72 knees), 27 boys (71%) and 11 girls (29%), with flexion knee contractures due to cerebral palsy who were treated from 2012 to 2018 were reviewed. Average patient age was 9.8 (SD=2) years (range, 7 - 12 years). The degree of knee contracture, ambulatory status (using the Gillette Functional Assessment Questionnaire (Gillette FAQ) 10-point scale) were evaluated before surgery and after rehabilitation period. The follow-up period ranged from 6 months to 6 years. 24 Patients (42 knees), 11 boys (46%), 13 girls (54%) with a diagnosis of one lower limb shortening due to hemihypoplasia, Legg-Calve-Perthes disease or tumor mass in metaphysis, without a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, were assigned to reference group to determining normal range of knee extension in children 7–12 years old. Average patient age in this group was 10.6 (SD=2, range, 7 – 12) years. In the routine practice, all children of the reference group underwent CT-scan of the lower