RISK FACTORS FOR POSTOPERATIVE MORTALITY IN AN AUDIT TO IMPROVE NEONATAL READMISSION NUMBER AT WEXFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Abstract: An audit within a few weeks after discharge of an ostensibly healthy newborn from a well-baby nursery and postnatal ward is an undesirable event for parents, physicians, and payers. Such a readmission may reflect an inadequate assessment of the new-born’s readiness for discharge, a lack of resources and/or an inability of a parent to provide early new-born care, or inappropriate and/or untimely availability, or access to, outpatient care. Potentially preventable...