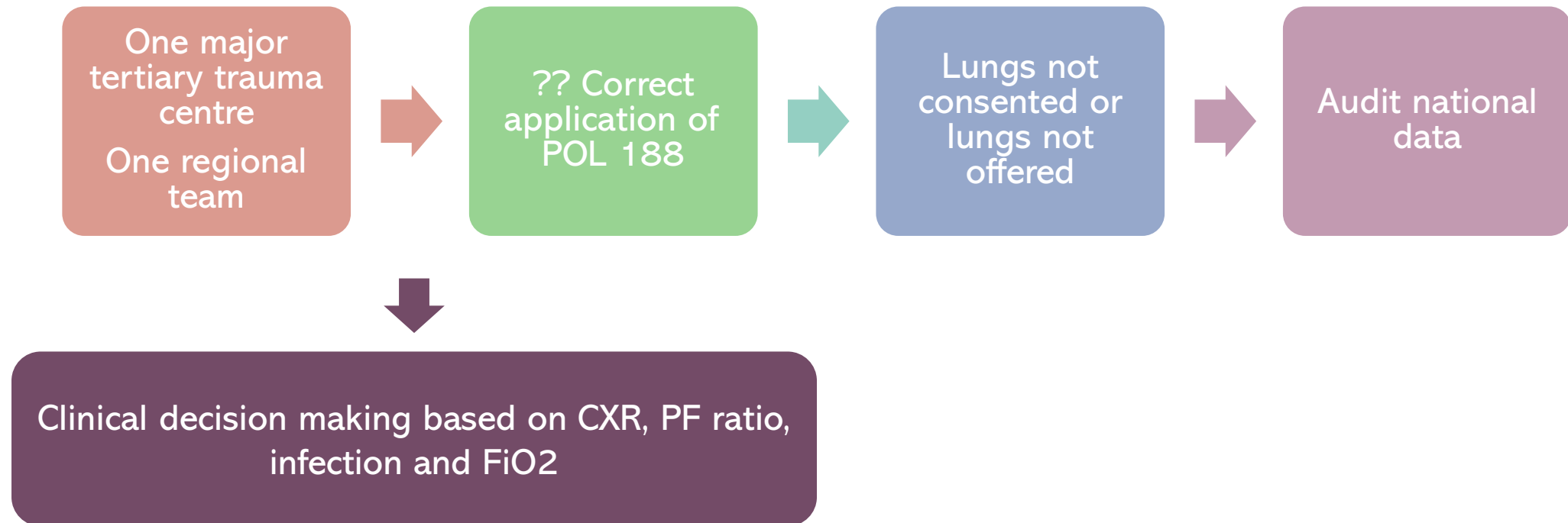




LUNGS NOT CONSENTED AND/OR NOT OFFERED

PROPOSAL



Organ Specific Contraindication – POL 188

Lungs

- DCD donor age ≥ 65 years (on or after their 65th birthday)
- DBD donor age ≥ 70 years (on or after their 70th birthday)
- Previous intra-thoracic malignancy
- Significant, chronic destructive or suppurative lung disease (those with controlled asthma are suitable donors)
- ➔ • Chest X-ray evidence of major pulmonary consolidation
- Influenza with demonstrable lower respiratory tract infection
- Anti-phospholipid Syndrome

46 cases

(one which was consented
and offered)

DCD | DBD

36 | 9

Aspiration – 17 (one not on
IVABx)

Infection – 11

Aspiration/Infection – 7

No – 7
(x5 on IVABx)

Unknown – 3
(3 on IVABx)

Smoking History

Yes – 22

No – 16

Ex - 6

Age

Average 54

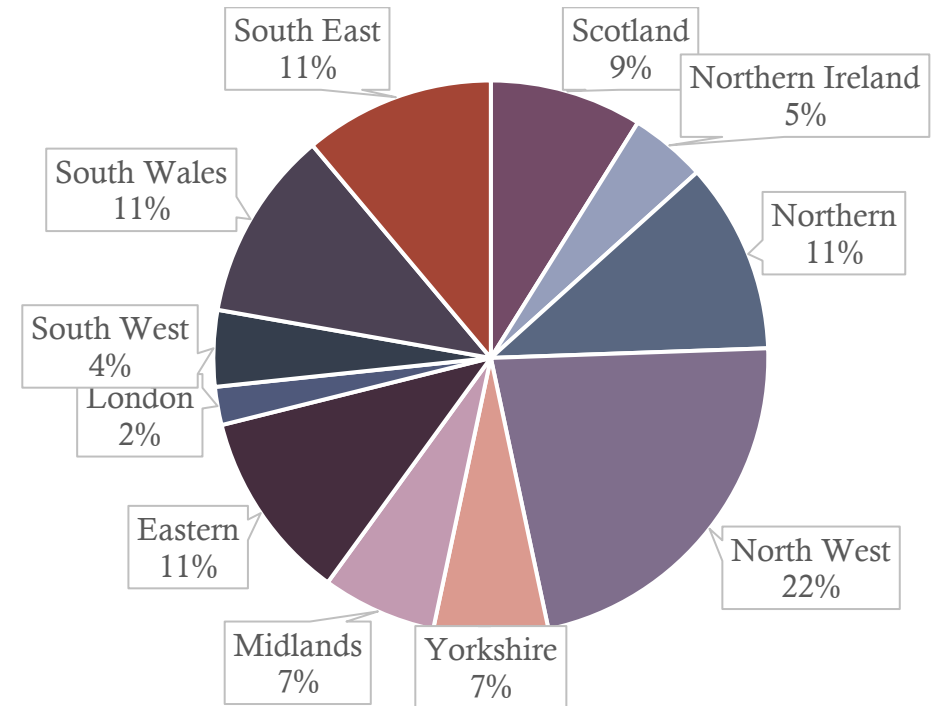
Range: 29-66

Consents

7

Offered

0



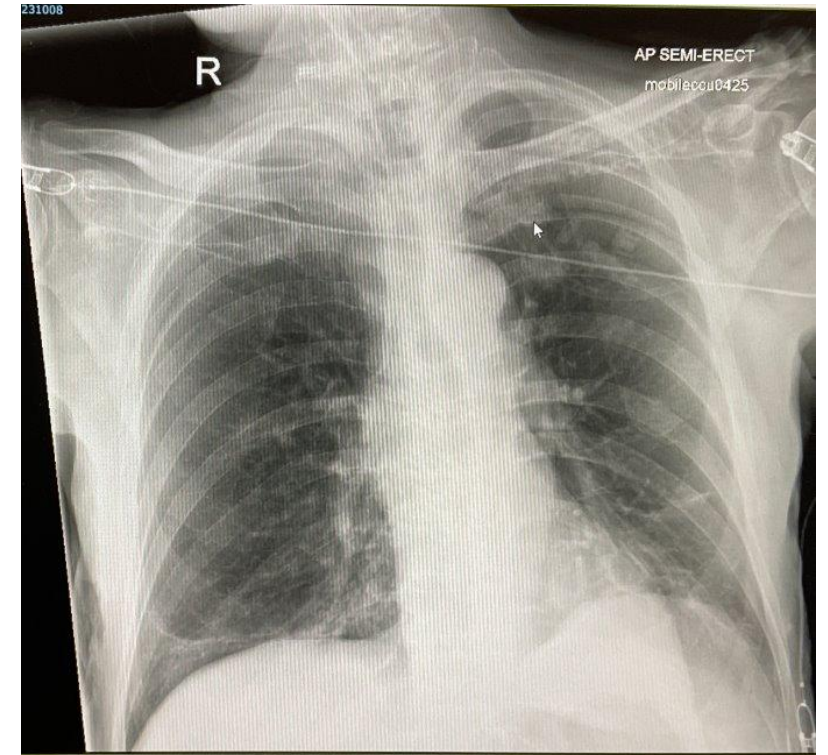
One ACD in theatres
Two liver only
Ten Kidney only
4 CT and Abdo retrievals

Review of 25/45 donors by Tx clinician

Key message:

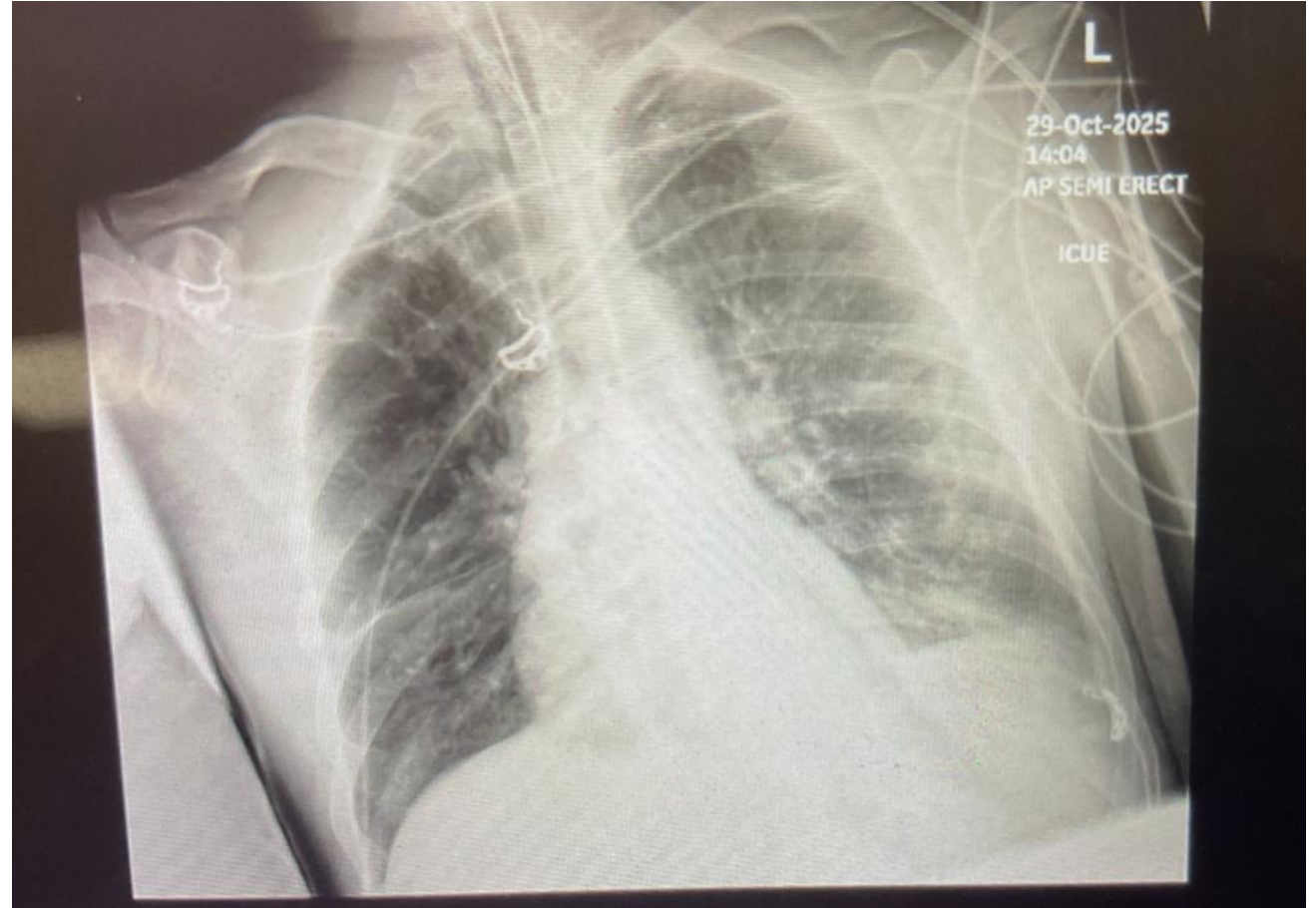
systematic over-calling of “major consolidation” and missed opportunities for lung utilisation

- CXR reports not supporting major consolidation (7 CXRs clear/no findings)
- Consolidation limited to one lung (potential single-lung offer)
- Reversible causes (atelectasis, oedema, aspiration)
- Good PF ratios
- Young age or minimal smoking history



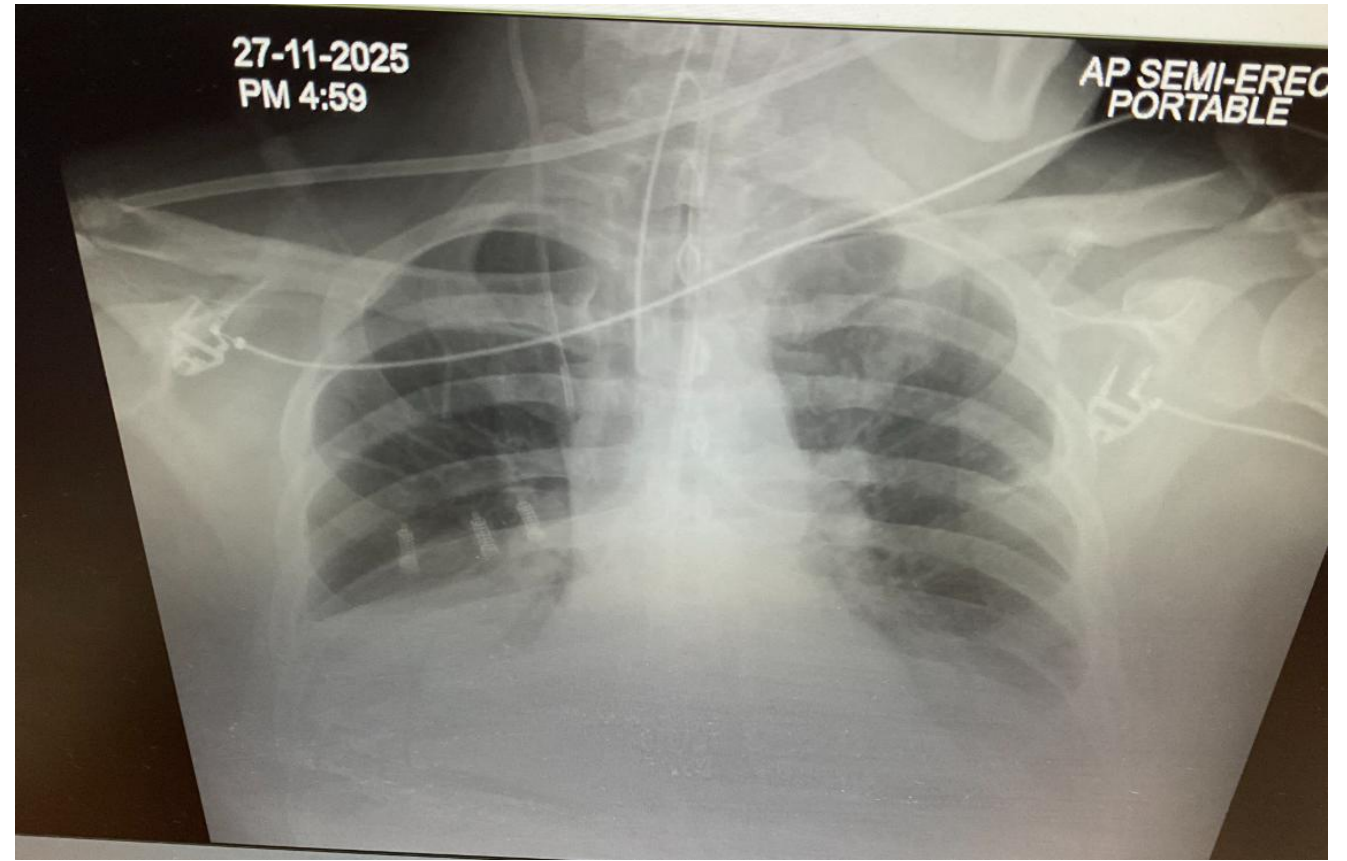
Many CXRs reports:

- Clear - 7
- Atelectasis - 7
- Oedema - 5
- Pleural effusions
- Mild patchy changes
- Trauma-related contusion
- Aspiration that improved
- Unilateral consolidation



DCD donors disproportionately affected

- More conservative decision-making in DCD?
 - DCD lung optimisation?
 - Missed EVLP opportunities?
-
- PF ratios:
 - 30.8
 - 34.75
 - 43.33
 - 42.86
 - 52.57



Estimated Impact

Approximately 25–35% of these donors could potentially have been offered -
(either directly or via EVLP).

Given the typical UK lung utilisation rate (~20–25%), this represents a **meaningful opportunity to increase transplant activity**. Especially in the era of EVLP/ARCs

Suggestion to CTAG Lung:

Support:

1. Removal of major consolidation from Policy 188
 2. If concerns utilise screening calls to support SNODs in decision making
 3. Education to SNODs
 4. Screening underutilised
-

THANK YOU

- Vicky Gerovasili – Transplant Physician & National Cardiothoracic Utilisation Lead
- Sarah Mason - National Professional Development Specialist Nurse OTDT
- Supported by Daniel Clark - Lead Nurse South East Organ Donation Services Team