



## Do they really need moving? The referral and transfer outcomes of patients with PIMS-TS

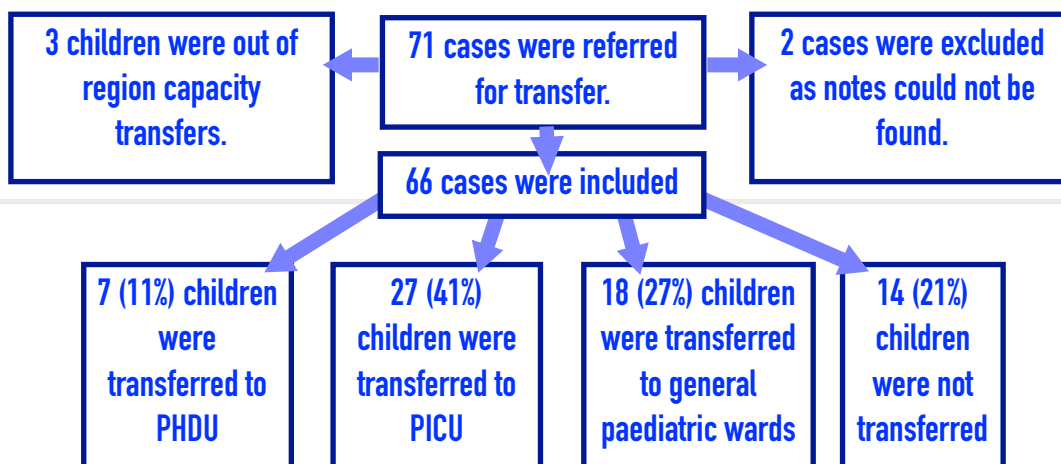
Initially most patients with Paediatric Inflammatory Multisystem Syndrome temporally associated with COVID-19 (PIMS-TS) were transferred to tertiary centres for MDT input.

It is now proposed that most patients can be managed in district general hospitals with remote MDT involvement<sup>1,2</sup>. Staying closer to home is generally good for children and families but does early experience support this?



**METHODS:** Children with a provisional diagnosis of PIMS-TS referred to a regional transport service (Embrace) from 1/1/2021 and 31/12/2021 were identified from a transport database and their notes reviewed.

## RESULTS



**THE MAIN REASON FOR PICU ADMISSION WAS HYPOTENSION.  
INOTROPE USE VARIED WIDELY**

**1**

7 OF THE 27 (26%)  
TRANSFERRED TO PICU  
DID NOT REQUIRE  
INOTROPES AND WERE  
STEPPED DOWN  
QUICKLY.

**2**

ONLY 4 OF THE 66 (6%)  
REFERRALS ANALYSED  
STAYED ON A CRITICAL  
CARE UNIT FOR >3  
DAYS.

**3**

ONLY 20 OF THE 66  
(30%) REFERRALS  
ANALYSED REQUIRED  
PICU ADMISSION.



**What can we learn from this?**

Identification of cases that can be managed locally would alleviate pressure on regional transport units, as well as critical care and tertiary hospital capacity.

Our experience can help us with management of other new disease entities.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

Were your regional experiences similar?

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