

RECOMMENDED SAFE NUMBERS SEEN IN CLINIC

Consultant or Associate Specialist		Recommended safe numbers seen in clinic		Reduced by 25% when teaching or supervising
	Without informed consent	15 mins per patient	Maximum 16	Maximum 12
	With informed consent	20 mins per patient	Maximum 12	Maximum 9
	Specialist Clinics with informed consent e.g. Skull base	30 mins per patient	Maximum 8	Maximum 6
Senior Trainees	With informed consent	20 mins per patient	Maximum 12	
	Specialist Clinics with informed consent e.g. Skull base	30 mins per patient	Maximum 8	
ST 2-6	When being supervised	20 mins per patient	Maximum 12	In effect this is 9 as the consultant will reduce their list to see the patients brought through
Core Trainee CT 1-3 GP Trainee	previously SHO	no patients booked	should be there to be taught	
ENT Speciality Doctor	Routinely supervised	20 mins per patient	Maximum 12	If reached top of scale may be working as associate specialist equivalent
Trust Doctor etc.	Routinely supervised	20 mins per patient	Maximum 12	Routinely supervised refers to the requirement for a consultant to be timetabled to be in every session undertaken by an SD, leave excepted.

1. Is it safe to see more than fourteen patients per doctor in an ENT clinic? Lesser THJ, Letter to the Editor ENT NEWS 2000 Vol 9 Number 4 September/October pages 35.
2. The effect of GMC guidelines on the length of otolaryngological out-patient clinics in a district general hospital. [Banerjee A](#), [Yates PD](#), [Hawthorne MR](#). *Clin Otolaryngol Allied Sci*. 2002 Oct;27(5):335-7
Commentary in; *BMJ*. 2002 November 9; 325(7372): 1058.