

The Orthopaedic Consequences of Childhood Meningococcal Septicaemia

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P values < 0.05 were considered statistically significant. Risk ratios were calculated, and the 95% confidence intervals (CI) stated.

Results

PICU patients

285 patients met the initial inclusion criteria and of these, 147 (51.6%) had some form of bacterial meningitis and 138 (48.4%) had a primary diagnosis of meningococcal septicaemia (Table 1). 8 patients with meningococcal septicaemia died, representing a mortality rate of 5.8%. Of the remaining 130 patients, none died of any cause following PICU admission.

Total number of patients	138
Total alive at discharge	130
M:F ratio	06:05
Average age at PICU admission (years)	3.6
Average length of PICU admission (days)	4

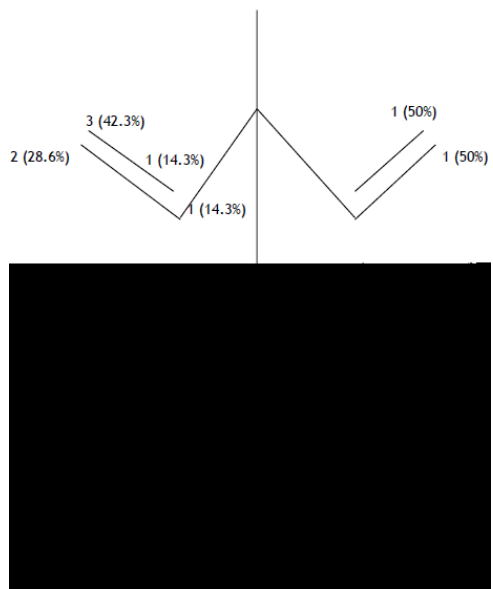


Figure 3 Geographical distribution of growth plate abnormalities

PICU an average of 24 years younger than those who do not,

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Long-term outcome of meningococcal sepsis-associated acute renal
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