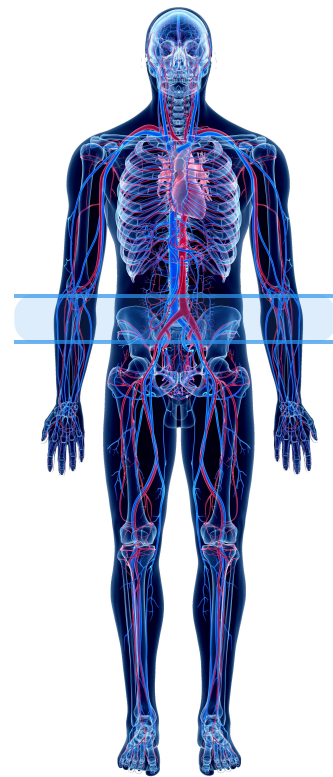
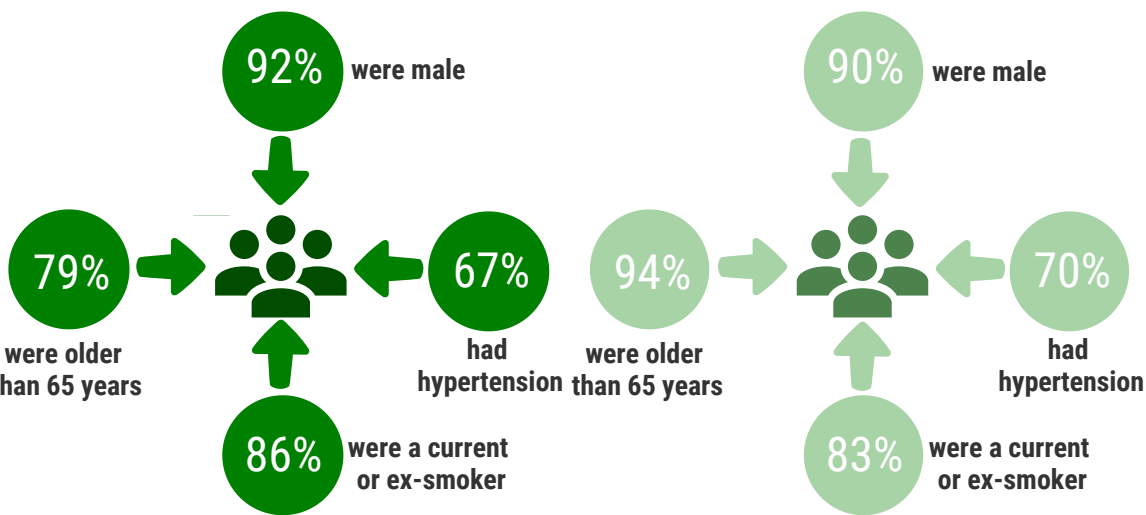
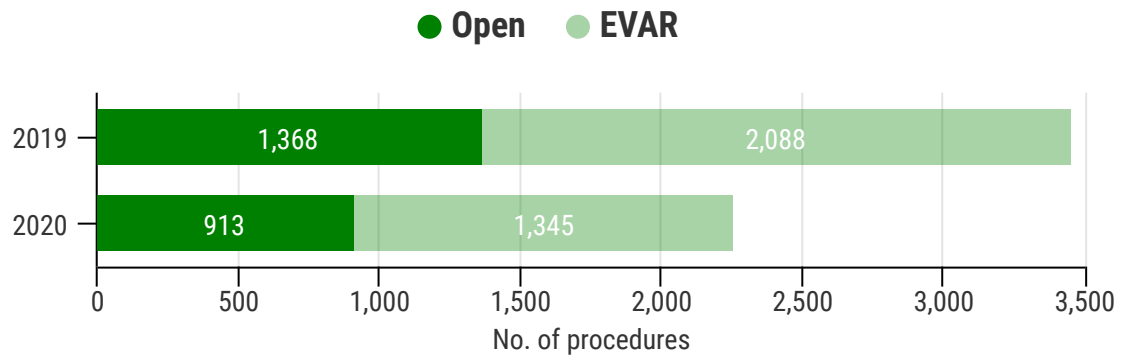


# Repair of abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) to prevent rupture

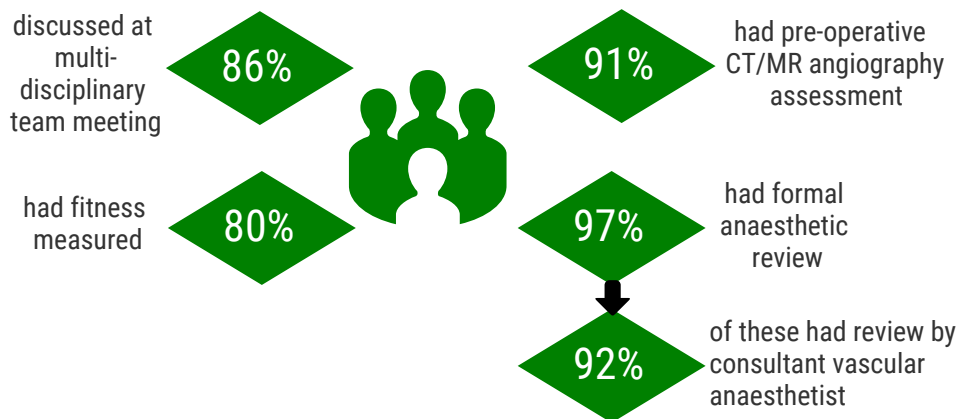
AAA is an abnormal expansion of the aorta (the largest vessel taking blood away from the heart). If left untreated, it may enlarge and rupture causing fatal internal bleeding. An infra-renal aneurysm occurs below the level of the renal (kidney) arteries within the aorta.

## Impact of COVID-19

There were 2,258 elective infra-renal AAA repairs submitted to the NVR in 2020, which is a decrease of 35% on the 3,456 procedures in 2019.



## How were patients assessed?



## Glossary

The average is the median; "typical range" is the interquartile range.

## Patient outcomes after surgery in 2020

