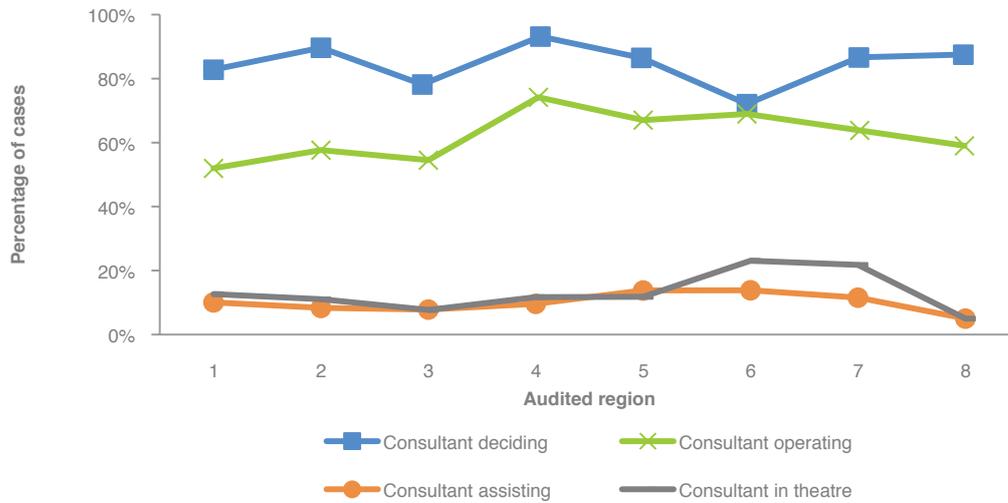




Figure 34: Consultant involvement by region performing surgery (n=7,567)



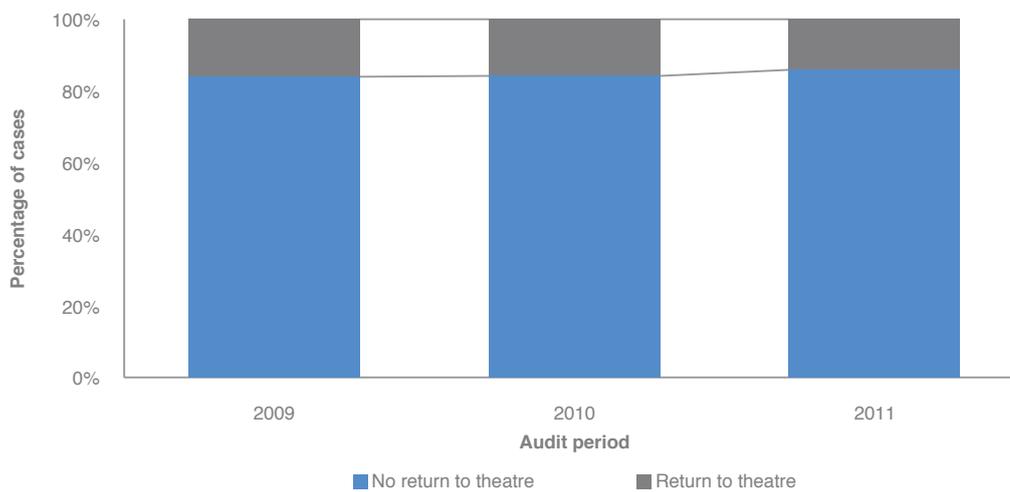
Comment

- There was some variation across regions for consultant involvement, that is, operating and assisting in surgery (see Figure 34). These differences reflect local approaches to surgical training and staffing levels.

6.4 Unplanned return to theatre

The treating surgeon has to indicate if there was an unplanned return to the operating theatre following the initial operative procedure (see Figure 35).

Figure 35: Patients requiring unplanned return to theatre (n=7,567)



Missing data: 399 (5%).

Comment

- In 15% of the audited cases, patients who underwent a surgical procedure had an unplanned return to theatre.
- The proportion of patients requiring a return to theatre was relatively unchanged during the audit period.