

# GUMCAD update

Genitourinary medicine clinic activity dataset – replacing the KC60 statistical return



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Welcome to the first GUMCAD update for staff at GUM clinics! We'll send you regular updates on progress of the roll-out of GUMCAD and any related information over the next 12 months.

### Where are we now?

All major clinic software providers have been developing the new GUMCAD extract tool, and many of you have been contacted by your software provider already to install the software. We will be working with yourselves and your provider or IT staff in the following months to ensure the new software is installed at your clinic.

Please let us know once you have the extract software installed so that we can begin testing. Once installed, you can run the GUMCAD extract and send it to the GUMCAD team at the HPA in Colindale via the HPA document gateway.

**The Data Set Change Notice issued by the NHS Information Standards Board requires level 3 GUM services to return GUMCAD. It is therefore essential that IT systems can generate the new dataset. If there are any issues around funding to upgrade IT systems, these should be raised urgently with commissioning PCTs. Please remember - the KC60 return will no longer be in use from April 2009!**

### Running the first extracts

We will be asking you to run your GUMCAD extract for data from the beginning of 2008 to ensure that we have a complete year of data. We are aware that your clinic may not have been collecting some of the data items specified in GUMCAD until now, however, this is not a problem as these records will simply be populated with 'not known' by the extract software.

For the first extracts, we would appreciate your help in running both the quarterly KC60 return and the GUMCAD extract in parallel (if possible on the same day!) for at least 2 quarters, as we will be comparing data from both systems. This is important to ensure GUMCAD data are accurate and can be compared with KC60 data over time.

### The HPA document gateway

Each clinic will have a folder on the HPA document gateway for submitting GUMCAD extracts. Your clinic's primary contact for the KC60 return will be issued with a username (clinic / NACS code) and password. There will be one username per clinic. It is important that users who send data from more than one GUM clinic upload each extract to the correct folder.

Our administrator, Parnam Seyan, will contact you to issue your document gateway username and password and to update your contact details. If you are ready to send a GUMCAD extract and have not received your username and password please inform Parnam.

### Guidance for clinic staff

GUMCAD is an electronic data return collecting anonymised patient-level information. It does not collect patient name, date of birth or post code. We have developed recording and reporting guidelines for GUMCAD which explain which data items will be collected and why. We hope that you received these new guidelines earlier this year. The new guidance replaces any previous guidance you may still have for the KC60 statistical return. Please get in touch with the GUMCAD team if you require additional copies.

### Patient leaflet on safeguarding confidentiality

The HPA produces a leaflet ("Safeguarding the confidentiality of patient information while protecting public health") for patients who may be concerned about why information about them is collected and how it is used. The leaflet is currently being updated and will be distributed via your PCT. If you have not received the new leaflets by mid-November, please get in touch with the GUMCAD team.

### Contact details of the GUMCAD team

If you have any concerns or questions about GUMCAD please contact a member of our team.

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