

GUMCAD update

Genitourinary medicine clinic activity dataset – replacing the KC60 statistical return



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Welcome to the third 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 coming months.

Software roll-out – over half way there!

As of the 1st of April 2009, 56% (114/205) of GUM clinics have had their GUMCAD software installed and of these 79% (90/114) have submitted GUMCAD data to the HPA.

Blithe are in the process of contacting their remaining clinics to install the software. IMS are currently installing the latest version of their software in all their clinics. Mill systems have just begun their roll-out and are currently contacting their clinics to arrange installation.

When your software supplier contacts you please work with them to arrange a mutually convenient time to upgrade your software.

Feedback reports

For those clinics that have submitted data for quarter 4 2008 (and had it validated) a selection of GUMCAD feedback reports are now available on the secure document gateway (in the same folders that you upload your data to). A broader selection of reports will be available in July 2009.

KC60 and GUMCAD

If your clinic still doesn't have GUMCAD software in place **you must continue to send in KC60 reports for 2009**. The HPA will continue to process your KC60 reports until all GUM clinics have the GUMCAD software installed and working. Please remember that GUMCAD is the mandatory system replacing the KC60 return.

We would like to remind all clinics to please send in KC60 and GUMCAD reports for all 4 quarters of 2008.

Your GUMCAD software will allow you to generate retrospective reports for 2008. We are aware that the retrospective reports may be incomplete with regards to some of the newer data items (ethnicity, country of birth and sexual orientation). If your reports are affected in this way then please submit them using the relevant 'not known' codes (see the table below).

The 2008 KC60 returns data will be used for the National and Strategic Health Authority annual data tables which will be released by the HPA in July 2009. Your GUMCAD clinic data will be used for the clinic level reports which will be available later in the year.

Table: 'Unknown' codes from the NHS Data Dictionary used for GUMCAD

Field name	Unknown code
Gender	0 - Not known 9 - Not stated
Age	999 - Not known i.e. date of birth not known and age cannot be estimated
Sexual orientation	9 Not known
Ethnicity	Z – Not stated 99 – Not known
Country of birth	ZZZ – Not known

Common data errors and how to avoid them!

Unrecognised data codes: GUMCAD validation does not recognise local 'KC60' codes. Please ensure that all local codes are mapped to the appropriate KC60 code or, if they are not relevant to the KC60 code list, that they are removed entirely from the GUMCAD report.

Conflicting HIV test codes: For HIV testing and STI screening codes (S1, S2, P1A, P1B) please remember that S1 with P1B is the only acceptable combination of these codes allowed for a single patient on a single date. If a patient is coded with S1 (sexual health screen) and P1A (HIV antibody test) on the same day, these should be combined into a S2 code (HIV antibody test and sexual health screen).

Duplicate data records: Many clinics are incurring duplicate data errors. After some investigation it seems that most of these errors are related to multiple attendances being recorded for a single patient on a single date. If possible, a patient should not be recorded as 'new' and 'follow up' on the same date. The BASHH Information Group will be reviewing this and will issue guidance in the near future.

Changes to data validation

We are aware that a large number of error reports are being generated by the GUMCAD validation system. To help alleviate some of the pressure placed on clinics to correct these errors as quickly as possible we have made a significant change to the validation process. From now on we will only reject those records with errors and the remaining (correct) data will be accepted into our GUMCAD database (providing the errors affect less than 10% of the whole report). **However** we will still be notifying clinics of the errors contained within their data. It will still be necessary to correct and return these to us...but this will now be less urgent than before!

We are also in the process of updating our error reports to include the Patient ID and Date of Attendance to make them easier to use.

Patient leaflet on safeguarding confidentiality

The HPA produces a leaflet ("Information and the Health Protection Agency") for patients who may be concerned about why information about them is collected and how it is used. The leaflet has recently been revised and will be distributed to PCTs via the HPA regional communication managers in the near future.

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