

GUMCAD update

Genitourinary medicine clinic activity dataset – replacing the KC60 statistical return



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Welcome to the fourth GUMCAD update for staff at GUM clinics!

Software roll-out progress

With more than 10 months into the GUMCAD roll-out, 94% (194/206) of GUM clinics have had their software installed and of these 61% (118/194) have submitted extracts to the HPA.

Both Blithe and IMS have completed their installations and Mill Systems only have a few sites left to install. The majority of clinics with bespoke software have completed their installations with a couple of sites still outstanding. Please contact your software providers for guidance / user manuals on using the new software.

Please can you send in your 2008 KC60 and GUMCAD data to the HPA as soon as possible. KC60 data will be used to compile the national and Strategic Health Authority (SHA) STI statistics published on the 24th of July. STI statistics from GUMCAD will be published later in the year.

Introducing the GUMCAD web-portal!

Most of you will be aware that the HPA recently experienced problems with the secure document gateway (SDG). We are extremely sorry for the inconvenience this caused some of you. The system collapsed in May, and although it has been re-instated, the HPA will be moving to a more reliable system. The next feedback reports will include a note clarifying that some late GUMCAD submissions were caused by recent problems encountered with the SDG.

During the summer we will be introducing a new web-based interface, called the GUMCAD web-portal, for uploading GUMCAD data extracts from your clinics. This will be a page on the internet which you will use instead of the document gateway. You will be provided with a user name and password which will enable you to upload your data into a secure folder. The web-portal will also provide you with a notification that your submission has been received.

Criteria for uploading the *.CSV data file will include:

- The same naming convention of your file that you use for the SDG. e.g. RHP12_Q2_2009.
- Checking that there is a valid clinic code in the clinic ID column.
- Checking that headings are correctly labelled.
- Checking that headings are in the correct order.

The system will be an on-going development which will improve the turn-around time of clinics receiving notification of their submission from us. The web-based interface will also eventually be used for submission of other reports to the HIV and STI department.

Feedback reports

The interface will also allow you to download your clinic summary reports and reports for your PCT, SHA and nationally. The next reports will be available in August.

Identifying your data submissions

When you are uploading your GUMCAD extracts onto the HPA secure document gateway please remember to include your clinic code in the title of the data submission.

About 20 data submissions in May did not include a clinic code in the title nor was it included in the actual data (ClinicID is a mandatory field) and therefore the submissions could not be processed!

Please check that your uploaded CSV files comply with the naming convention of ClinicID_Quarter_Year. e.g. RHP12_Q2_2009.

Thanks!

Improving data quality

Most of the data we've received from you so far has been of good quality but a few issues have emerged. The most common data errors from clinic submissions are shown below.

Error type	% of errors
Unrecognised data codes	44%
Conflicting KC60 data codes (e.g. HIV test and screening codes)	87%
Duplicate data records	84%

If your clinic's data are affected in this way we'd be grateful if you could try to identify ways of reducing these errors. Please note: A validation rule which was previously relaxed will soon be re-instated for submissions from Quarter 2 of 2009. This rule checks that a valid KC60 code is applied to each new attendance i.e. when the 'First Attendance' code is '1' the **KC60 code cannot be missing!**

Patient leaflet on safeguarding confidentiality

The patient leaflets titled 'Information and the Health Protection Agency' are now available. The leaflet explains to patients why their information is collected and how it is used. Copies are available via your PCT or can be ordered from our HPA publications department (publications@hpa.org.uk).

Contact us

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