

GUMCAD update

Genitourinary medicine clinic activity dataset – replacing the KC60 statistical return



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Welcome to the second 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.

Update on the roll-out

So far, 20% of GUM clinics have had the GUMCAD extract software installed and we have received GUMCAD extracts for testing and validation from all major suppliers and many bespoke clinic systems. Blithe and IMS software suppliers are in the process of contacting their remaining clinics to install the software. Blithe should have the installation complete by March 2009 and IMS by December 2008. Mill systems have begun their roll-out and will be contacting all their clinics in the coming months. When your software supplier contacts you, please work with them to agree a mutually convenient time to update your system.

We will be running the first reports from GUMCAD in mid-December.

Sending data through the HPA document gateway

Most clinics have now been contacted by the GUMCAD team to confirm primary contact details for GUMCAD submissions. Clinic contacts should have received an email with their username (clinic / NACS code) and password to access the HPA document gateway. Please let Parnam know if your clinic has not received the email.

Each clinic will have a folder on the HPA document gateway for submitting their GUMCAD extracts. 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. Please send your data by calendar quarter, labelling with your username, calendar quarter and year e.g. **USER_Q1_2008**.

Contact us

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

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Validating your data

We need to ensure the data you send us are of good quality. To do this, the GUMCAD extract you send us will be passed through a validation procedure before the data are accepted by the GUMCAD database. If the extract passes the validation procedure, it will be moved into the database. Otherwise, we will send your GUMCAD contact an email with the errors listed. If there is a problem with the extract formatting you may need to ask your software supplier to fix this as it may mean the extract programme isn't working properly. For other types of error, you will need to correct the errors on your computer system then re-run and resend the extract to us via the document gateway.

Here are some things you can do to reduce the chance of errors in your dataset:

- Please make sure there is always a KC60 code associated with a patient's first attendance. If no tests or treatments are provided at the first visit, please code the patient "D3" – Other episodes not requiring treatment.
- For HIV testing and STI screening codes (S1, S2, P1A, P1B) please remember that S1 with P1B is the only combination of these codes allowed for a single patient on the same date.
- Make sure codes A7 and A8, congenital syphilis, are used for infants aged under and over 2 years respectively.
- Only assign codes P4A, P4B and P3 to female patients.

Before sending your first data extract you may want to do a 'test run' (run an extract and look at the data) where you can:

- Check that your clinic ID in your extract matches your user name which was provided to you for sending data through the document gateway.
- Check that the 'Attendance Date' format is ccyy-mm-dd

Please note: If your GUMCAD extract has the file extension ending in *.csv, please do not open it in Microsoft Excel before sending it to us as this will change the format. If you want to check the file before sending it to us, please open it in Microsoft Notepad or Word.

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. We're updating this leaflet and its release has been delayed until December. If you have not received the new leaflets by mid-December from your PCT, please get in touch with the GUMCAD team.