

GUMCAD Update

Genitourinary medicine clinic activity dataset – replacing the KC60 statistical return



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

MESH Web Portal is launched!

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Microbiology and Epidemiology of STIs and HIV (MESH) web portal.

Please start using the MESH web portal to upload your **GUMCAD and HIV** data extracts.

You can access the web portal at:

<https://www.hpaweb services.org.uk/mesh/login.aspx>

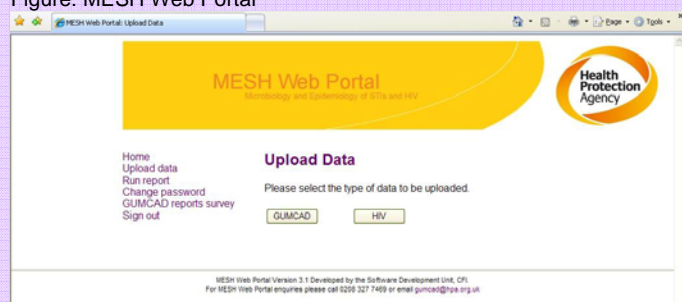
Please note that it is currently supported by the Internet Explorer browser only (not Firefox etc).

We would like to express our gratitude to staff in the MESH Department and Software Development Unit at the Centre for Infection, HPA who have spent many long hours developing and testing the web portal and GUMCAD reporting tool.

Uploading data

You can use the web portal to send the HPA your quarterly GUMCAD data extracts and your HIV data extracts (i.e. New HIV diagnoses, SOPHID, CD4, RITA). You should find that it is easier to use than the Secure Document Gateway (Figure).

Figure: MESH Web Portal



User accounts

The web portal has the added convenience of one user account for uploading GUMCAD and HIV data. Parnam will be issuing usernames and passwords to your main clinic contacts over the coming weeks. We will notify you by email once your account has been created. If additional user accounts are required please let us know.

Help us identify your data submissions

Please make sure you use the specified naming convention for your files. Naming conventions are described, with examples, on the relevant data submission pages of the web portal. For example, GUMCAD files should be named 'ClinicID_Quarter_Year', e.g. **RHP12_Q2_2009**.

When uploading your GUMCAD and HIV data please remember to upload in the appropriate file format (csv files for GUMCAD and xls files for HIV data).

New GUMCAD reporting tool

You will soon be able to run, view and download a variety of reports of aggregated GUMCAD data across the web portal. Access to these reports will be restricted to nominated users in GUM clinics, PCTs, and other relevant governmental and public health organisations. (Please refer to the Data Sharing Policy at www.hpa.org.uk/gumcad). The first set of reports are in the final stages of testing and you'll be notified as soon as they are available.

The reports will be updated two weeks after the close of each submission deadline (The submission deadline is six weeks after the end of the calendar quarter). Data submissions received after the deadline will not be processed until the next quarterly reports are published. **To guarantee your data is included in each reporting quarter, please ensure your data is submitted by the submission deadline.**

GUMCAD roll-out progress

The GUMCAD software roll-out is 99.5% complete! That's an impressive 205 out of 206 clinics. We have received data extracts from 83% of clinics (170/205) and of these 63% have submitted all their quarterly data extracts from January 2008 to June 2009.

We would be grateful if you could please send in your outstanding quarterly data extracts as soon as possible!

Changes to validation errors

To reduce the number of errors incurred during GUMCAD data validation we have made some changes to the procedure:

- Errors relating to multiple attendance types (recorded on a single date) will no longer be highlighted.
- Duplicate records will now be highlighted as 'notifications' instead of errors.

'Notifications' relating to duplicate records will be listed at the bottom of each error report. You will no longer be required to remove the duplicates when submitting corrections (we will filter them out during validation).

However we would appreciate if you could review each duplicate, and where appropriate, correct it on your clinic software.

Birthday wishes

GUMCAD has now reached its 1st Birthday!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in getting GUMCAD up and running! We couldn't have achieved this without your continued cooperation and support.

Thank you!

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