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National Audit of Dementia (Care in general hospitals)

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UPDATES TO AUDIT LEADS...

We have now reached 97% participation of Trusts across England and Wales!

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The **Core Audit Information Pack** has now been sent to the main audit lead of each participating hospital. The pack contains the hospital's username and password for entering data online (from **15 March**). If you have not received your pack, please get in touch with us.

For hospitals participating in the enhanced audit, you have also been sent the **Carer/Patient Module Packs**. The participating wards can now start distributing the carer/patient questionnaires. Hard copies of the enhanced audit tools and guidance will be sent shortly.

Please note, audit packs are only posted to the main audit lead. All audit contacts will be notified via email when information has been sent out. If you don't know who your main audit lead is, please get in touch with us.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If you have any queries on any of the questions in the audit tools, please get in touch with the project team.

Below are a few queries we have received regarding the core audit tools - we thought it would be useful to share with all audit leads.

ICD10 codes to be used to identify casenotes for audit (*Guidance Document, p27*)

Query: *Why are the ICD10 codes represented in this way, e.g. certain codes white on black?*

Project team response: The list of ICD10 codes is drawn from the World Health Organisation International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems Version 2007 (<http://apps.who.int/classifications/apps/icd/icd10online>) and codes have been reproduced exactly as they appear there. White on black codes are section headings, black on white codes the codes under that heading. All codes shown in the list on the left hand side of the table can be used. (Codes in brackets are links to related entries in the WHO list and should be ignored for the purposes of this audit. Where the related entry is also a type of dementia it has been listed separately).

The medical assessment includes assessment of nutritional status (*Casenote audit, Q2e*)

Query: *This question is under the heading 'medical and nursing notes'. If the assessment is recorded somewhere else in the notes (e.g. TPR charts) can you still answer 'yes'?*

Project team response: We understand that notes will be organised in a different way in different hospitals. Therefore you should select 'yes' if the assessment has been carried out and recorded.

Identifying patients for casenote audit (*guidance document, p24*)

Query: *Can more than one casenote from the same patient be audited (when they have been admitted to the hospital more than once in the given six month period)?*

Project team response: Only one casenote per patient can be audited - skip any subsequent casenotes from the same patient.

DISCUSSION GROUP

NAD-Chat, our e-mail discussion group has been set up.

The discussion group can be found at the **National Clinical Audit Forum** (NCAF) website, a space created by the Health Care Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) to support discussion, sharing of good practices, exchange of information and quality improvement by those involved in National Audits.

The discussion group also provides a space for announcing events, sharing relevant documents, creating new discussion topics and networking. Through NCAF you will also have access to other groups and networks that might be relevant to you.

We would like to invite everyone who is involved in the audit to take part in the **National Audit of Dementia Discussion Group**.

To join the group, please click on the link below and follow these steps:

[National Clinical Audit Forum/Registration](#)

1. Register your details
2. You will receive an email asking you to confirm your email address by clicking on a link (from communications@hqip.org.uk)
3. Look for the National Audit of Dementia (NAD) discussion group in '**Latest Groups and Networks**'
4. Click on the National of Dementia Discussion Group
5. Click on '**Request membership**'

SHARING INFORMATION

If you have any local news and information that you would like to share with other hospitals in the audit, this can be done through our discussion group or please e-mail it to us and we will feature it in the next newsletter.

If you wish to access our previous newsletters, please visit our website.

TIMELINE

Tool	Start date	Deadline for data return
Core Audit		
Organisational Audit	15 March 2010	14 May 2010
Casenote Audit	22 March 2010	16 July 2010
Enhanced Audit		
Environmental Audit	1 April 2010	11 June 2010
Ward Organisational Audit	1 April 2010	28 May 2010
Carer/ patient questionnaire	As soon as packs are received	13 August 2010
Staff questionnaire	1 April 2010	16 July 2010
Observation training	From October 2010	N/A
Observation module	From October 2010	February 2011

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR CONTACT DETAILS?

Project leads: The nominated audit lead will be our key point of contact throughout. If you have changed your project lead, mailing address, telephone number, are no longer leading the project, please let us know as soon as possible so we can keep our records up to date.

If you wish to **add** any other contacts, who will be involved in the audit, please send us their details and we will add them to our e-mail list.

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