AROC Awarded for Outstanding Achievement in Research Partnership

The University of Wollongong honoured AROC in the University’s annual Vice Chancellor’s Award Ceremony on 11th June this year.

AROC, and the Centre for Health Service Development from the University of Wollongong, received a ‘Highly Commended’ Award for Outstanding Achievement in Research Partnership. The award reflected the important impact that AROC has made to the National health debate, its unique and extensive number of stakeholders, and the way that AROC has developed such a rich source of data on rehabilitation outcomes.

AROC DATA DUE NOW

If you are collecting the AROC Inpatient dataset your data for all episodes up to and including June 30 2010 is due by July 31 - please submit your data using AROC Online services.

If you are collecting the AROC Ambulatory dataset could you please send any unsubmitted data via email to aroc@uow.edu.au

If you are collecting any of the Adjunct datasets for BI, SCI or Reconditioning could you please send any unsubmitted data to aroc@uow.edu.au

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FIM News

FIM Online Exam

It is mandatory to resit the FIM online exam to recredential every two years; to ensure candidates are not sitting the same exam we have just updated the online exam to Version 03.

If your staff are due to recredential they will need an exam key to gain access to the exam, this can be obtained by emailing your request for the required number of keys to fim@uow.edu.au. Keys are usually supplied the same day or within a couple of working days.

FIM Workshops

AROC hosted workshops for the remainder of the year are shown in the table below. Registration forms for these workshops are available on the website or you can contact us by email on fim@uow.edu.au and we will forward a copy to you.

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Data Matters needs some interesting and relevant pictures for us to include in our newsletters – if you have any we could use please let us know. Also, we would like to start including a short profile of an AROC member facility in each of our newsletters – if you are interested in being profiled, again please let us know … or if you have anything newsworthy that you would like to announce to the rehabilitation sector, let us know … staff movements, key achievements, etc
FIM FAQS
AROC receives many FIM related queries, here are a sample of questions and answers since the last issue of Data Matters for your interest.

Q. Upper body dressing-if client’s need to wear head wear for cultural purposes is this included (i.e. would this be scored as an extra garment)?
A. Dressing : Upper Body does not include the donning or doffing of head wear of any description.

Q. Is sitting for upper body or lower body dressing considered modified independence?
A. Dressing Upper and Lower Body does not stipulate the person must be in standing, and therefore dressing in a seated or lying position is not considered in scoring the item, only how much assistance the person needs while dressing and undressing .

Q. If someone uses a shower chair or stool for bathing to sit on e.g. due to fatigue or safety reasons is this modified independence (i.e. they are not using it for the transfer but for endurance/safety)
A. The use of a shower chair is not considered in Bathing, but is considered in Transfers: Shower / bath. If there is a concern for safety while the person is bathing then score 6 - Modified Independence. If the person however uses the chair "in lieu of a rail" during Bathing tasks then it may be considered. Otherwise the score for Transfers: Shower / bath will consider the use of the chair.

Q. For toileting, could an over toilet frame be considered equivalent to a rail? e.g. if they hold OTF when wiping bottom or adjusting clothing?
A. Correct, if any item is used in lieu of a rail, it can be considered an assistive device.

Q. The PTs at our service thought a client can only score a 7 on the locomotion if the client is an outdoor ambulator. Is this correct?
A. No, this is not correct. In fact the Locomotion: Walk / wheelchair item definition includes the words "on a level surface", this would indicate the Locomotion item is assessing limited outdoor mobility.

Q. I have just been asked to look at a FIM for a client with a head injury. His wife says that she needs to prompt him to have a shower or he doesn’t have one, does this make him a 5. He is able to physically shower himself once prompted to do so.
A. If a person requires a verbal prompt in order to commence the task, and then proceeds to complete the task without physical assistance then the score is 5 - Supervision and set-up. The person requires a helper for the task but receives no physical assistance besides the set-up, cueing, coaxing or prompting.

If it would be appropriate in the future to attempt to set up a system for the person, whereby the person received the prompt without the helper needing to be present at the time of the bathing task (such as a sign or task list or an alarm) then the score may go up to a 6 - Modified Independence.

2009 ‘State of the Nation’
The AROC Annual Report: the state of rehabilitation in Australia in 2009
Data Submissions

REMINDER - AROC DATA IS DUE SOON…

Yes, that time of year is upon us again. Data for episodes ending up to and including 30 June 2010 are due for submission to AROC by 31 July. If you think your facility will have difficulty making the due date please contact AROC as soon as possible. This data will be used to generate your facility’s financial year benchmark report.

FYI: Are you aware of the changes affecting AN-SNAP HCP data submissions from 1st July 2010 (Australian facilities only)

From 1st July 2010 it will be a requirement that:

- All episodes for members of Queensland Country Health Fund with a separation date after 30th June 2010 are reported with the new Fund code of QCH and included in the monthly ‘AHS’ AN-SNAP submissions.
- Fund code ‘NIB’ is removed from the ‘AHS’ group in your system for all separation dates after 30th June 2010. ‘NIB’ episodes with a separation date after 30th June 2010 must be submitted to nib Health.
- All episodes with a separation date after 30th June 2010 are submitted in accordance with Version 0800 specifications as released by the Department of Health & Ageing in PHI circular 36/10.

If you have not already put processes in place to update your system for these changes it is very important that you take the necessary steps to do so as soon as possible. If you are a SNAPshot user read on…

Upgrade to SNAPshot incorporates changes to HCP data submission version 0800 specifications

SNAPshot 3.83F, the most recent full install of SNAPshot was updated late last year to reflect changes in the health fund alliances. Unfortunately not long after, further changes including NIB were notified. AROC has just received from our developer a ‘patch’ to cover these additional changes. We are in the process of testing it to ensure it is stable and correct. We hope to be able to release it next week. The patch, when available, will only be able to used with SNAPshot 3.83F. If you do not have this version of SNAPshot you can download it from http://chsd.uow.edu.au/aroc/snapshotupdate.html. We will advise you as soon as the patch is available.

We’re looking for a leading Rehabilitation Physician who can take patient satisfaction to a whole new level

On Mercy Hospital Mount Lawley’s top floor, overlooking the Swan River, we’re establishing Western Australia’s first Specialist Rehabilitation Unit.

All the world-class facilities and support for this pioneering, outcomes-based, patient-centred and truly goal-focused Unit are in place. All we need to complete the plan is an outstanding Rehabilitation Physician to set a standard of integrated rehabilitation services never before provided at the level Mercy Hospital has committed to reaching and sustaining.

The Director of the Rehabilitation Services will be an experienced Medical Specialist who has extensive experience providing rehabilitation medicine care and will ideally be a member of the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine.

The successful applicant will work with an experienced team in diagnosing and assessing a person’s function associated with injury, illness or chronic conditions, to maximise their independence and improve and maintain their quality of life.

If being a leader of a new and exciting Rehabilitation Service, coupled with living in a city with beautiful beaches, a growing healthy economy and a wonderful environment for raising a family is appealing to you, why not give us a call to discuss employment opportunities.

Or perhaps you already realise the benefits of residing in Western Australia, in which case you’re invited to contact Garry England, Chief Executive, on 9370 9294 or email him at gengland@mercycare.com.au for further information.

All employment aspects of the role will be negotiated.
Data Submission — Data due dates

The table below indicates the data collection periods and data submission timelines associated with the AROC inpatient dataset.

2009 Benchmarking Reports are now available for download, please go to http://chsd.uow.edu.au/aroc/ and Login to AOS

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** AROC reports to be generated for your facility based on this data - please resubmit after corrections

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