AROC Changes – 1 July 2007

A number of things will be changing from 1 July 2007:

- version 3 of the AROC inpatient dataset will be implemented
- the revised AROC Impairment codes will be implemented (and will form part of the version 3 dataset)
- the revised SNAP Classifications will be implemented (and will be reported in benchmarking reports starting with the calendar year 2007)
- version 4 of the ACHS Rehabilitation Medicine Clinical Indicators will be implemented (more on this below)
- a revised version of SNAPshot will be available, enabling collection of the version 3 AROC inpatient dataset

You can access the new dataset, the revised impairment codes and the revised clinical indicators through the AROC website ... there's even a link to them from the front page of the AROC site ...

http://chsd.uow.edu.au/aroc

The new version of SNAPshot will be sent out, with instructions on how to upgrade, just as soon as it's ready. In the meantime, don't forget that data for discharges up to June 2007 are due to be sent to AROC by the end of July 2007 .... and this data should be collected, entered and the AROC extract submitted to AROC BEFORE you go about upgrading your SNAPshot version.

If you are not sure about any aspect of this, please give us a call.

AROC out and about

The Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine 15th Annual Scientific Meeting (Sydney, 22-25 May, 2007), Implementing the Evidence

AROC presented twice at this conference. On the day before the actual conference AROC presented two workshops entitled “Benchmarking Outcomes in Rehabilitation – how to make AROC work for you”. Approximately 40 rehabilitation clinicians and trainees attended each workshop, and by all accounts learnt quite a bit !! Frances Simmonds, A R O C M a n a g e r a n d A/Prof Ben Marosszeky, AROC’s Clinical Director, also presented a plenary session focusing on highlights from “The AROC Annual Report: the state of rehabilitation in Australia in 2006”. A copy of this later presentation can be found on the AROC website.

4th World Congress of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (Seoul, Korea, 10-14 June 2007)

Janette Green represented AROC at this conference presenting the work she has done as part of IRON, the International Rehabilitation Outcomes Network. Other members of IRON include the USA, South Africa and Finland. The presentation, entitled “Comparison of service delivery and outcomes in rehabilitation for spinal cord dysfunction” can be accessed through the AROC website.

ACHS Rehabilitation Medicine Clinical Indicators – trial of submission through AROC

As noted above version 3 of the AROC inpatient dataset includes all data items necessary for the collection and calculation of the new version of the ACHS Rehabilitation Medicine clinical indicators. The official ACHS date for implementation of the new indicators is 1 January 2008. However they have asked AROC member facilities to trial collecting the indicators as part of their AROC data collection over the next six months (July – December 2007). AROC will then work with ACHS to develop an appropriate extract that will allow AROC member facilities to submit a Rehabilitation Medicine Clinical Indicator extract to ACHS in a similar way as an extract is sent to AROC.
**FIM News**

**Workshops**

AROC has been very busy over the last few months with lots of AROC hosted workshops being run. In all we have held 11 FIM User workshops, and 3 Facility Trainer workshops – a bit of a baptism of fire for our new FIM Co-ordinator Julie de Clouet.

As you may know AROC holds a list of people interested in attending a workshop – at this stage we think we have provided enough workshops to cover the interest we had. If you would like to register interest in attending a workshop some time in the future please let us know and we will add you to list.

The next AROC hosted workshops will be held in spring – see the dates listed in the box below.

A gentle reminder – when you register interest in a workshop please give us the quickest way we can contact you ... and if we do contact you to let you of an upcoming workshop, please respond, even if its to say you can’t attend. Also, it takes quite a lot of organising to put together a workshop, which is why we have a registration cut off date 7 days prior to the workshop. We do accept late entries where we can – but please understand it can cause a lot of inconvenience. Where possible please be timely in your requests.

**WeeFIM**

AROC is in the process of setting up a network of WeeFIM Master Trainers. We have identified several key individuals in NSW, Vic and Qld who are interested in becoming WeeFIM Master Trainers. These people are currently working with AROC on putting together the curriculum for a WeeFIM workshop. We have a number of people on our Inquiries List who are interested in attending a WeeFIM workshop - we expect to start later this year. Please let us know if you are interested in attending a WeeFIM workshop and we will add you to the list and let you know when one is scheduled.

**FIM Facility Trainer Criteria**

It appears that there is some confusion about the criteria required before a credentialed FIM Clinician can train to become a FIM Facility Trainer. Individuals wishing to become a Facility Trainer must meet the following criteria:

* attend a FIM Facility Trainer workshop (which are run by a FIM Master Trainer)
* have current credentialing status
* pass the most recent credentialing exam with a mark of at least 85%
* have 3+ years experience using the FIM tool and be prepared to actively participate in training staff
* have training qualifications or be able to demonstrate experience in training people
* be supported by their employer to become a Facility Trainer (which means be given the opportunity to do FIM training)

The Facility Trainer workshop trains the attendees how to train other people in how to use the FIM tool. As part of the workshop attendees are required to present part of the workshop to other attendees – so the Master Trainer can evaluate their presentation and training skills.

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**Upcoming AROC Hosted FIM Workshops**

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**FIM News – Charging Process to Change, effective 1 July 2007**

From 1 July 2007, AROC will be changing the way we charge for FIM exams, FIM workshops and FIM resources. For FIM exams, you will be invoiced when you order the FIM exam keys (to access the FIM exam online) or when you order paper copies of the exam. Where you register to attend an AROC run FIM workshop you will be invoiced when we accept your registration. For FIM resources (manuals etc) we will invoice you when we accept your order for the resources.

We are implementing this change because it will make it a lot easier for AROC to track payments.
AROC 2007/08 Financial Year Benchmarking Reports — Data is due

AROC is gearing up to generate the next round of AROC reports. These reports will be based on all overnight rehabilitation episodes ending in the financial year 2007. To produce these reports in a timely manner we need to have received all data for all episodes ending up to and including June 2007 from all facilities. To minimise any delay in producing the financial year AROC reports we need you to have your facility's data submitted at your earliest convenience in July (data should be submitted to AROC by the end of July 2007).

NOTE: If you do not think it will be possible to submit your facility's data up to and including June 2007 before the end of July please email aroc@uow.edu.au as soon as possible. Please advise what data you expect would be available in July and when you expect your data up to June will be available.

AROC Online Services — submit your data / download your reports

Data extracts should be submitted to AROC using AROC Online Services (AOS) - see note below. As well as being able to submit data to AROC, electronic copies of all your facility's previous AROC reports are available from AOS. The AROC 2007 financial year reports will only be available through AOS.

NOTE: To submit your data online using AOS or to download your facility's benchmarking report you will need the UserName and Password for your facility. If you do not yet have your UserName and Password please complete an application form and fax to AROC on 02-4221-4679


AROC data set is changing — June data must be submitted using version 2

To ensure your facility's next report is based on all overnight rehabilitation episodes from the 2007 financial year occurring at your facility please submit ONLINE your most up to date version 2 data AROC Extract (please send your full data extract). To ensure the most up to date and correct data are used in these reports please re-submit your facility's data in version 2 format should you make any corrections after receiving your data audit from AROC. Once you have completed submitting your data up to June 2007 you can upgrade to the AROC version 3 data set.

Information for SNAPshot users

1. Extracts for data up to June 2007 must be created using SNAPshot 3.70a. (AROC version 2 data set)
2. Do not put any dates when creating the extract, enter only the facility code.
3. You can not submit MDB files to AROC Online Services, you must create an AROC extract.
4. Do not upgrade SNAPshot until you have submitted your corrected June data.

Data collection periods and their submission months

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** AROC reports to be generated for your facility based on this data - please resubmit after corrections.
AROC Inpatient Dataset – Version 3

As already noted elsewhere in this edition of DataMatters version 3 of the AROC inpatient dataset will be implemented for all discharges from 1 July 2007. For your information below are listed the key amendments that have been made:

- the removal of the few data items that related to non inpatient episodes
- the addition of a ward identifier item (optional for those facilities with more than one ward)
- the addition of a country of residence item
- the revision of the living arrangements item to become a ‘level of support received’ item
- the revision of the employment data item to comply with the NHDD definition
- the deletion of the occupation data item
- the addition of a item to identify if the episode was the result of trauma
- the revision of the time since onset item and addition of an item to collect the date of the relevant prior acute admission
- the renaming of the interruption days item to be suspension of treatment, and the addition of an item collecting the number of occurrences of suspension of treatment
- the addition of an item collecting complications affecting the rehabilitation episode
- the addition of an item collecting the date on which the rehabilitation plan for the patient is established
- the addition of an item collecting the date on which the discharge plan for the patient is established

The data set now includes all items necessary for the AROC dataset to be used to calculate the ACHS rehabilitation clinical indicators. Discussions with ACHS are in progress, with the objective being that an AROC Clinical Indicator extract can be developed which will satisfy the requirements for rehabilitation clinical indicator submission to ACHS.

FIM Exam On Line

As you probably know by now, the FIM Exam is now online. People wishing to become credentialed in the FIM tool are encouraged to sit the exam online, have it marked and receive their results immediately!! To gain access to this service please contact AROC on (02) 4221 5282 or email fim@uow.edu.au. For further information on how to access the online exam please visit http://chsd.uow.edu.au/aroc/documents/online_fim_exam_user_guide.pdf

Review of Impairment 4 - Spinal Cord Injury

As many of you may remember, last year AROC undertook a review of episodes coded as 8.9 Other Orthopaedic. The results of this review can be seen in the revised impairment codes to be implemented with the version 3 data set. Well now it’s the turn of Spinal Cord Injury. Many of the episodes within this impairment are coded to an ‘Other’ category, which prevents any deeper analysis of the nature of the injury. So AROC is again asking for facilities help – facilities who submitted episodes coded as 4 Spinal Cord Injury in 2006 will shortly be receiving a file listing those episodes and a covering letter addressed to their Director of Rehabilitation, and will be asked to:

- confirm that the diagnosis of spinal cord injury was correct
- confirm whether the injury was traumatic or non-traumatic
- provide the aetiological diagnosis for the spinal cord injury
- confirm if the episode was the first admission for rehabilitation post injury or a readmission for a comorbid problem, complication, or a transfer from another rehabilitation hospital

Thank you again to all those facilities who helped AROC clarify 8.9 and we look forward to the same sort of help with 4 Spinal Cord Injury.