A message from the AROC Director

Here we are with 2014 almost over, (and Christmas galloping up on us) … I can’t believe yet another year has already gone by!! Given this is our last edition for the year I thought I’d take the opportunity to briefly review some highlights for AROC during the year:

- Implemented a major upgrade to AROC IT system (AOS) which enhanced both system speed and functionality;
- Held an inaugural Ambulatory Benchmarking Workshop with the objective of exploring clinical outcome tools appropriate for use in an ambulatory setting;
- Collaborated with the NBF (National Stroke Foundation) to reduce burden of data entry for rehab facility participants in biennial audit of stroke rehabilitation;
- Ran jurisdictional benchmarking workshops (quality forums) in Victoria (for the first time), South Australia, and (seven in) New Zealand;
- With the Agency for Clinical Innovation, NSW MoH, co-hosted an rehabilitation specific ABF Forum;
- Hosted a study tour for 15 Vietnamese rehabilitation clinicians, funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade;
- Presented AROC related papers at a number of conferences, including a plenary paper at the Annual Scientific Meeting of AFRM, and gave numerous other presentations to parties interested or involved with AROC;
- Received and actioned numerous requests for access to AROC data, an increasing number of which require some level of data linkage;
- AROC Master Trainers conducted more than 80 FIM/WeeFIM Workshops in Australia and New Zealand. More than 4800 people
sat and passed the FIM or WeeFIM credentialing exam;
• Introduced an online FIM and an online WeeFIM refresher course – since these went live in September more than 50 courses have been purchased and sat.

AROC will close for 2014 on Wednesday 23 December and will reopen on Monday 5 January 2015. We hope you all have time to enjoy the festive season and look forward to working with you again in the new year. Sincere thanks for all your efforts in 2014, we really appreciate all you do to help us make the AROC data collection and benchmarking the success that it is.

Merry Christmas to you all and have a happy and safe festive season,

Frances Simmonds

Data Submission for Calendar Year 2014 benchmark reporting period closing soon

All episodes discharged up to and including 31 December are due for submission to AROC by 31 January 2015. Before your data is finalised for reporting by AROC, a further two weeks is allowed for last minute data corrections.

The AROC database automatically closes at midnight (AEDT) on 14 February – only episodes submitted to AROC by this date via either upload or direct data entry will be included in this round of benchmark reporting data.

Data submission dates for 2015 are available online

Benchmark Reporting Period Data Summaries

AROC will shortly send around your facility’s data summary for the upcoming Calendar Year 2014 benchmark reporting period. This will assist you to know how you are tracking with your data entry or upload of data into the AROC Database. We are also adding a feature to AOS that will enable you to run this query any time you want to know where you are up to. We will let you know when it is available.

Final Step in Data Upload to AOS

We are finding that some facilities are not performing the last step in the upload process - dont forget to 'Accept' your data through to the AROC database.
ACHS Clinical Indicator Reports (Jul-Dec 2014)

There are two reporting cycles each year for ACHS Clinical Indicators — January to June and July to December. For the January to June collection period data must be submitted to the ACHS by 20 August and for the July to December collection period data must be submitted to the ACHS by 20 February.

AROC will no longer be sending out ACHS Clinical Indicator Reports. Instead, all facilities submitting data to AROC (via either upload or direct data entry) will be able to generate these reports themselves as and when needed.

If you have an AOS login you can go to the GENERATE REPORTS & EXTRACTS area of AOS to generate your ACHS Clinical Indicator Report (and if you do direct data entry your AN-SNAP HCP extracts) based on your submitted data within the AROC database.

AROC Ambulatory Outcomes Measures Trial

AROC is trialling a number of additional outcome tools which were recommended by clinicians at the inaugural AROC ambulatory workshop, to gauge the extent to which they enhance the information currently provided by the Australian Modified Lawton’s IADL Scale.

Among the primary challenges with ambulatory benchmarking are that patient populations and different program modes can vary markedly, and consequently clinician recommendations regarding the choice of outcome measures has also been considerably diverse. In summary, clinicians at the workshop suggested more than 30 different tools as appropriate for inclusion in AROC ambulatory dataset. Following vigorous debate the outcome measures agreed upon for inclusion in the ambulatory outcomes measure trial are:

- Orthopaedic disorders - Timed up and Go
- Stroke - Modified Rankin Scale
- Reconditioning - De Morton Mobility Index (DEMMI)
- Brain Injury - Mayo-Portland Adaptability Inventory -4 (MPAI-4)

The additional measures are to be collected for each relevant episode over a three month period.

Thank you to all sites who have volunteered to trial one or more of the additional outcome measures so far.

If you would like further information or are interested in piloting any or all of the proposed tools please contact AROC aroc@uow.edu.au.
FIM/WeeFiM Workshops 2015

FIM WORKSHOPS

NSW FIM Open : 5th March
NSW FIM Facility Trainer : 6th March
NSW FIM Open : 19th July
NSW FIM Open : 8th October
NSW FIM Facility Trainer : 9th October
NSW FIM Open : 27th November

VIC FIM Open : 23rd February
VIC FIM Facility Trainer : 24th February
VIC FIM Open : 17th July
VIC FIM Open : 19th November
VIC FIM Facility Trainer : 20th November

WA FIM Open : 12th March
WA FIM Facility Trainer : 13th March
WA FIM Open : 24th July
WA FIM Open : 12th November
WA FIM Facility Trainer : 13th November

QLD FIM Open : 26th March
QLD FIM Facility Trainer : 27th March
QLD FIM Open : 5th November
QLD FIM Facility Trainer : 6th November

NZ FIM Open : 20th February
NZ FIM Open : 17th April
NZ FIM Open : 24th July
NZ FIM Open : 17th September
NZ FIM Facility Trainer : 18th September
NZ FIM Open : 27th November

SA Available upon request
TAS  Available upon request

**Wee/FIM WORKSHOPS**

NSW WeeFIM 1st May  
NSW WeeFIM 13th November

NZ WeeFIM 15th May  
NZ WeeFIM 20th November

**Other News**

A highly recommended book by Wendy Maxwell, our New Zealand Master Trainer


For further information, please visit :

http://www.crcpress.com/product/isbn/9781439863299

Best Wishes and...

![Merry Christmas from the AROC Team](image-url)