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ATTENTION: Emergency Department Directors
 Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset Submission Officers
 Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset Software Suppliers
 Emergency Associations

Due to recent errors identified in the sixth edition of the *Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD) User Manual*, effective 1 July 2001 relevant pages have been re-issued to all recipients to ensure that the manuals held by users reflect the latest VEMD reference files.

The replacement pages are attached to this Bulletin. If your facility has received more than one copy of the *VEMD User Manual*, please ensure that copies of the enclosed pages are distributed and placed in each copy of the *VEMD User Manual*.

These changes have been implemented in the reference files available on the HDSS Website:
<http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/ahs/hdss/index.htm>

Should you have any queries regarding the above details, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Leanne Daking on 9616 8022. Alternatively, please utilise our VEMD e-mail address **submit.vemd@dhs.vic.gov.au**.

Yours faithfully,

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Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)

25.1 Country of Birth Reference File

Please find attached a revised copy of the Country of Birth tables located in Section 4: Supplementary Code Lists. Due to an oversight the Country of Birth code 2220: Yugoslavia was included in the tables. As previously detailed more specific regional codes must be sought from patients.

25.2 Amendments to VEMD Edits for 2001-2002

Edit E232

Edit E232 incorrectly listed Departure Status = 8 – Dead on Arrival as a valid entry. The use of this Departure Status code within edit 232, conflicts with the guidelines of E142.

The EDIS Review Committee will review both of these edits in the near future.

Please insert the attached reprint of pages 6-59 and 6-60 into your copy of the VEMD Manual, Version 6.

25.3 VEMD File Consolidation

The final consolidation date for 2000-2001 VEMD data is the 21st September 2001. Please ensure that all data for the 2000-2001 financial year are cleared by this date.

25.4 Software Supplier Effectiveness Review

In March of this year, the Department posted VEMD Software Effectiveness Review Questionnaires onto our HDSS website at:

<http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/ahs/hdss/vemd.htm#vemdspecs>

It is anticipated that the review will provide the Department, Software Suppliers and hospitals, with a means for comparing the effectiveness of 2001-2002 VEMD software upgrades.

Hospitals and Software Suppliers are therefore reminded to complete and forward the questionnaires to the Department as soon as software has been installed to required specifications.

HDSS Contact Details

The Health Data Standards and Systems (HDSS) Unit of the Acute Health Division manages three Victorian hospital data collections:

- Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)
- Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)
- Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS).

The *Health Data Standards and Systems Bulletin*, produced on an ad hoc basis by HDSS, provides:

- Answers to common questions recently directed to the HDSS Help Desk,
- Directives for implementation of revisions to data collection specifications (VAED, VEMD, ESIS), including notification of amendments to specified data collection reference tables,
- Feedback on selected data quality studies undertaken, and
- Information on upcoming events.

HDSS Bulletin Web Site www.dhs.vic.gov.au/ahs/hdss/bulletin.htm

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