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Attention: Health Information Managers - For Action
VEMD Submission Officers - For Action
ESIS Submission Officers - For Action
VAED/VEMD/ESIS Software Suppliers - For Action

The Health Data Standards and Systems Unit has produced Issue 32 of the Health Data Standards & Systems (HDSS) Bulletin in electronic format only. The Bulletin has been posted onto our website at <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/bulletin/32-140302.htm> and can be viewed as both a browseable and downloadable file. To view the complete subject index for all editions, please refer to <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/bulletin/index.htm>. Individuals who have previously provided us with their email address will also receive an emailed copy of the Bulletin.

Bulletin 32 provides information regarding some important issues including:

- Changes to the HDSS Website
- Availability of PICQ/ ACBA software
- Job Opportunities within HDSS
- Changes to Global Reference Files
- PRS/2 Replacement System
- 2000-2001 Consolidated Files
- Specifications for Revisions to the Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset for 1 July 2002
- Specifications for Revisions to the Elective Surgery Information System for 1 July 2002

Please download the document from our web site. If you do not have internet access at your hospital, please contact the HDSS Help Desk to obtain a hard copy of this Bulletin. It is essential that this document be distributed to relevant staff in your organisation.

Yours faithfully,

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HDSS Update

32.1 New Web Site Address

As a result of the Department of Human Services restructure, the HDSS Internet Website has been re-located to a new address <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au>.

The old website (<http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/ahs/hdss/index.htm>) will remain in operation for a short period but will only contain information on the Health Data Standards and Systems unit along with relevant contact details. A link to the new HDSS web site is provided.

Please ensure that your Browser 'favourites' or 'bookmarks' are reset to the new site address.

32.2 PICQ and ACBA Software

As detailed in HDSS Bulletin issue 29, PICQ and ACBA software are available to all Victorian public and private hospitals. The hyperlink listed in that bulletin is no longer current. To access information about PICQ and ACBA please go instead to the following address:

<http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/picq/index.htm>

32.3 Job Opportunities

The Health Data Standards and Systems (HDSS) Unit has two job opportunities:

1. The first is a VPS4 level position (\$48532-\$68441).
2. The second is a VPS3 level position (\$39820-\$54754).

The VPS4 position will have a lead role, and the VPS3 position will contribute to the effective management and advancement of the Unit's patient level data collections:

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

Applicants would be expected to have well developed (VPS3) or higher level (VPS4) skills and knowledge in the following areas:

- diagnosis and procedure coding (ICD-10-AM);
- patient health information management issues;
- compilation and interpretation of information ;
- verbal and written communication skills;
- word processing, spreadsheets, statistical analysis and we-based software.

Prior experience with any of the data collections mentioned above and tertiary qualification in Health Information Management would be an advantage.

If you are interested in either of these challenging positions, please contact Mark Gill, Manager, HDSS on 03 9616 7456 by Wednesday 27 March 2002, to obtain further details.

The negotiated salary of the successful applicants will be based on their level of relevant skills and work experience.

HDSS is located at 555 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Global Reference Files

32.4 Registered Medical Assessment and Planning Units (MAPU) and Short Stay Observation Units (SOU)

Short Stay Observation Unit

The following hospitals have been granted SOU registration.

Hospital Code	Hospital
1031	Austin and Repatriation Medical Centre [Austin campus]
1050	Box Hill Hospital
1210	Maroondah Hospital
1331	Royal Melbourne Hospital
1590	Angliss Hospital
2220	Frankston Hospital

The following hospitals have been granted a temporary SOU registration.

Hospital Code	Hospital
1390	Sunshine Hospital
1450	St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Ltd [Fitzroy]

Medical Assessment and Planning Unit

The following hospitals have been granted MAPU registration.

Hospital Code	Hospital
1180	Western Hospital

The following hospitals have been granted a temporary MAPU registration.

Hospital Code	Hospital
1031	Austin and Repatriation Medical Centre [Austin campus]
1450	St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Ltd [Fitzroy]

32.5 Hospital Code Table Updates (VAED, VEMD, ESIS)

New Hospital Codes

For your information, the following hospitals have issued new VAED Hospital Codes:

Hospital Name	Old VAED (PRS/2) Code	New VAED Code	New PRS/2 Code
Box Hill Gardens Day Surgery	6670 (P67)	7370	P37
Eastside Endoscopy Centre	-	7360	P36
Gambro Diamond Valley Clinic [Previously Diamond Valley Mercy Hospital]	7630 (B63)	7380	P38
Northpark Private Hospital	6870 (P87)	7390	P39
South Eastern Private Hospital	6590 (P59)	7350	P35

Hospital Name Changes

For your information, the following hospitals have registered new names:

Former Name	New Name
Dorset Private Hospital	Victorian Rehabilitation Centre – North Melbourne
Victoria House Private Hospital	The Victoria Clinic
Diamond Valley Mercy Hospital	Gambro Diamond Valley Clinic

Hospital Closure

For your information, the following hospital has ceased operation:

Former Name	Closure Date
Thomastown Endoscopy Centre	21 January 2002

Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

32.6 PRS/2 Replacement

On Monday 4 March 2002, DHS implemented the PRS/2 replacement system, developed to replace the PRS/2 legacy system, which ceased operation on Friday 22 February 2002.

Despite extensive testing prior to implementation, a number of bugs were found in the PRS/2 replacement system and were brought to the attention of the HDSS helpdesk. These bugs have been passed on ASPECT for high priority resolution.

Please ensure that you continue to notify the HDSS Help Desk (via phone or email) of any problems with the PRS/2 replacement system.

Reports

Staff handling PRS/2 reports should note that Program Based Monthly Report of Admitted Patients has not been replicated.

Hospital who have not yet done so, are reminded to nominate a hospital representative to receive access to the *IES and Related Items* report produced following the monthly download. (Please complete the attached proforma, providing details for the preferred recipient for you hospital).

32.7 2000-2001 Consolidated File Reports

Until this year hospitals have automatically received hard copy Consolidated File Reports related to the previous financial year's VAED data.

This year the process has changed. The same reports are available but the Department has assumed responsibility for producing them and they will be available on demand with a choice of medium (email, compact disc, or hard copy). Hospitals can indicate their requirements by emailing the HDSS Help-Desk.

The reports available are:

1. DRG/MDC Weight
2. Standardised Length of Stay
3. Comparative Length of Stay – Trimmed and Untrimmed
4. Same Days DRGs
5. Top 30 DRGs
6. Top 100 Diagnoses and Procedure Blocks

Full details of report contents are contained in the document: **DRG Reports 2000-01 Technical Notes** which can be accessed at <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/vaed/index.htm>.

Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)

32.8 Specifications for Revision to the Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset for 1 July 2002.

This document was distributed on Wednesday 13 March 2002 to all VEMD participating hospitals, industry bodies and software suppliers. It is recommended that software suppliers and hospitals work from this document and Version 6.0 of the manual until the Version 7.0 Manual, effective 1 July 2002, is released in April/May 2002.

Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)

32.9 Total Waiting Time Calculations

Please note that there has been a minor adjustment to the Total Waiting Time Calculation.

Paragraph 1 (page 2-10) of the Version 4.0 manual has been amended to read:

If the patient has been assigned to a **less urgent** Clinical Urgency on or after 1 July 2001, Total Waiting Time for Admitted Patients will be calculated as the difference between the last Urgency Reassignment Date (as reported in the 30 June 2001 submission) and the Removal Date (excluding Total Not Ready for Care Following Last Urgency Reassignment, ~~as reported in the 30 June 2001 submission~~).

Paragraph 1 (page 2-16) of the Version 4.0 manual has been amended to read:

If the patient has been assigned to a **less urgent** Clinical Urgency on or after 1 July 2001, Total Waiting Time for Patients Remaining on the Waiting List will be calculated as the difference between the last Urgency Reassignment Date as reported in the 30 June 2001 submission and the Census Date (excluding Total Not Ready for Care Days Following Last Urgency Reassignment, ~~as reported in the 30 June 2001 submission~~), **plus 1**.

32.10 Specifications for Revisions to the Elective Surgery Information System for 1 July 2002.

This document is scheduled for distribution on Monday 18 March 2002 to all ESIS participating hospitals, industry bodies and software suppliers. It is recommended that software suppliers and hospitals work from this document and Version 4.0 of the manual until the Version 5.0 Manual, effective 1 July 2002, is released in April/May 2002.

HDSS Bulletin by Dataset

This table of previously released HDSS Bulletins identifies the dataset to which they relate.

All previous HDSS Bulletins are available on the HDSS website at <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/bulletin/index.htm>. If you are unable to access the website, please contact the HDSS Helpdesk to request any previously released HDSS Bulletins.

HDSS Bulletin No:	Date released:	Dataset:			
		VAED / PRS/2	VEMD	ESIS	Other info
Bulletin 1	01 July 1999	✓	✓	✓	
Bulletin 2	15 July 1999	✓			
Bulletin 3	02 August 1999	✓	✓	✓	
Bulletin 4	09 September 1999		✓	✓	
Bulletin 5	08 October 1999	✓	✓	✓	
Bulletin 6	13 October 1999	✓			
Bulletin 7	09 November 1999	✓	✓		✓
Bulletin 8	24 December 1999	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 9	10 March 2000	✓	✓		✓
Bulletin 10	26 April 2000	✓			
Bulletin 11	16 May 2000	✓			
Bulletin 12	28 June 2000	✓	✓		
Bulletin 13	19 July 2000	✓			
Bulletin 14	20 July 2000	✓			
Bulletin 15	08 August 2000	✓	✓		✓
Bulletin 16	25 September 2000	✓	✓		
Bulletin 17	29 September 2000			✓	
Bulletin 18	18 October 2000			✓	
Bulletin 19	27 October 2000	✓	✓	✓	
Bulletin 20	05 April 2001	✓		✓	✓
Bulletin 21	27 April 2001	✓			✓
Bulletin 22	22 May 2001	✓		✓	
Bulletin 23	18 June 2001	✓		✓	
Bulletin 24	30 July 2001	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 25	03 September 2001		✓		
Bulletin 26	05 September 2001	✓			✓
Bulletin 27	07 September 2001	✓			
Bulletin 28	14 September 2001			✓	
Bulletin 29	01 November 2001	✓	✓		
Bulletin 30	09 January 2001	✓			✓
Bulletin 31	18 February 2002	✓	✓	✓	
Bulletin 32	14 March 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓

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 <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/bulletin/index.htm>

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