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

The Health Data Standards and Systems Unit has produced Issue 49 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/49-171002.htm> and can be viewed as both a browseable and downloadable file. To view the subject index for every edition of the bulletin, please refer to <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/bulletin/index.htm>.

Bulletin 49 provides information regarding:

- Staffing changes
- Hospital code table updates
- Postcode Update
- Palliative Care
- WIES Calculator
- Quality Framework Business Rules 2002-2003
- Procedures to Reassign or Clarify Gender
- Advertisement: La Trobe University – Health Classification
- Health Service Code Update

Please download the document from our web site. If you do not have Internet access, 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

49.1 Staffing Changes

Recent staff changes in HDSS:

- Irene Kearsey's last day will be the 4th November. We would like to acknowledge Irene's great contribution to DHS over the last 25 years – she will be sorely missed, and we wish her well in her retirement.

A farewell function is being organised for Friday afternoon, 1st November. Please contact Leanne Daking on 9616 8022 or Leanne.Daking@dhs.vic.gov.au if you wish to attend or send a parting message.

- Carla Arrighini has joined HDSS from Western Health (Williamstown). Her experience will be invaluable to the Unit.
- Carla effectively swaps places with Katherine Hunt who is now at Western Health (Sunshine). Katherine made a significant contribution during her time at the DHS in both the HDSS and AIMS Units.

Global Update

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

An updated version of the Hospital Code Table file, including the details below, has been posted onto the HDSS Website:

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

The Excel file contains multiple worksheets that categorise public, private and Non-Victorian (new addition) hospitals, in both alphabetical and numerical order.

Hospital Name Change

For your information the following hospital has registered a new name:

Previous Name	New Name	VAED Code	Date Effective
Euroa Hospital Inc	Euroa Health Inc	6170	06 September 2002

Hospital Closure

For your information the following hospital has closed, effective 11 September 2002:

Name	VAED Code	Date Effective
Seedat Endoscopy Services, Melton	7173	01 October 2002

49.3 Postcode Update (VAED, VEMD, ESIS)

The following error has been detected and rectified in the 2002—2003 Postcode File. Please ensure that all in-house files are updated to reflect the correct postcode.

Suburb / Locality	Previous Postcode	Correct Postcode
Woodleigh	3989	3945

Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

49.4 Palliative Care

The HDSS Helpdesk has received a number of inquiries regarding the information in HDSS Bulletin 48.5 about palliative care.

To clarify, Care Type 8 may only be used when it is the Care Type at **formal** admission. For example:

1. A patient formally admitted with Care Type 4 *Other care (Acute) including Qualified newborn* cannot be statistically discharged and re-admitted to Care Type 8 *Palliative Care Program*.
2. A patient formally admitted with Care Type 8 *Palliative Care Program* may be statistically separated and re-admitted to Care Type 4 *Other care (Acute) including Qualified newborn* (where circumstances warrant, for instance, where the patient fractures their hip). At the conclusion of acute care for such patients, the patient can be statistically separated and re-admitted to Palliative Care.

This clarification means that some information in the VAED Manual needs to be amended. Admission Source and Separation Type 8 will be valid codes for Public Hospitals. In line with point 2 above, therefore, Separation Type 8 can only be used if the Admission Source for that episode is also 8. Replacement pages will be provided with sections 6 and 7 of the Manual.

Where this is a change in practice for hospitals, please amend data for separations on or after the 1st October 2002. Hospital staff are reminded that for any issues in regard to targets (Palliative Care Patient Days) they should contact their Account Manager of Regional Office.

Coders are reminded to use the ICD-10-AM Code Z51.5 *Palliative care* to indicate palliative care, regardless of the Care Type of the episode, in line with ACS 0224 *Palliative Care*.

49.5 WIES Calculator

Hospitals wishing to use the 2002/2003 WIES Calculator will find it posted at the following internet site within the next few weeks:

<http://casemix.health.vic.gov.au/wcc.htm>

49.6 Quality Framework Business Rules 2002-2003

Please note that these are now available. Copies have been sent to Public Hospitals, and the document is available on the internet at:

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg2002/qfbizrules02_03.pdf

Included in the document is Data Definitions for Clinical Indicators. Most Clinical Indicators utilise ICD-10-AM Codes in the numerator and/or denominator. In most cases the denominator is derived directly from the VAED, and the hospital is only required to provide the numerator data.

It was discovered prior to the physical distribution the Quality Framework Business Rules 2002/2003, that some of the ICD-10-AM Code lists had been scrambled in the editing phase. Thus replacement pages were sent out with the document, and the file on the internet updated.

49.7 Procedures to Reassign or Clarify Gender

The coding of episodes involving procedures for gender reassignment and/or clarification has caused problems with the editing of the procedure codes. To allow data relating to procedures for gender reassignment and/or clarification to pass PRS/2 edits, editing has been done in two stages since 1.7.2002:

- The ICD-10-AM Library file Rejects certain sex-specific procedures if reported with the 'wrong' sex and Warns on other sex-specific procedures with the 'wrong' sex (being those procedures considered that could be performed for gender reassignment/clarification).
- For the procedures designated Warnings, Rejection edits (450 and 451) were created to reject any episode where the patient's sex did not equate to that expected for the procedure and where there was no Diagnosis Code that indicated a reason for this (such as F64.0 *Transsexualism* or Q56.- *Indeterminate sex and pseudohermaphroditism*).

Recent queries to the Victorian ICD Coding Committee (VICC) have indicated that the number of Procedure Codes that are dealt with in this way needs to be widened. We are seeking information regarding the procedures that are undertaken in these circumstances, from Health Information Managers and Clinical Coders at facilities that perform these procedures. This information will assist us to bring more procedures into the two-stage editing procedure.

If you feel you may be able to help in this process, please contact Catherine Perry on 9616 6928 or Catherine.Perry@dhs.vic.gov.au. Please be assured that any information provided will be considered highly confidential. There will be no need to provide any identifiable information.

49.8 Advertisement: La Trobe University - Health Classification

Are you interested in contributing to a quality education in Health Classification?

If so, we need your help! We are looking for current expert coders to form a committee that will work on upgrading the Health Classification workbook each year in readiness for the following year's students. This work would be undertaken under the supervision of the coordinator of the Health Classification subject, and would involve a minimum amount of work over a two to three week period at the end of each academic year. The aim of the work is to provide a workbook that is current in respect to both Australian (and Victorian) Coding Standards and clinical practice.

To be eligible you must be currently coding in a hospital and must have at least two years coding experience.

If you are interested, please contact Jennie Shephard on mobile phone number 0408 102277 or by email at shephar@bigpond.net.au

Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)

49.9 Health Service Code Update

The Austin and Repatriation Medical Centre now report ESIS as a health service. The Health Service Code is 5530.

A replacement page will be available on our website.

HDSS Bulletin by Dataset

This table lists HDSS Bulletins released in the current and prior financial year only, and identifies the dataset to which they relate. All previous Bulletins are on the 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 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 2002	✓			✓
Bulletin 31	18 February 2002	✓	✓	✓	
Bulletin 32	14 March 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 33	03 April 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 34	19 April 2002	✓			
Bulletin 35	26 April 2002	✓			
Bulletin 36	22 May 2002	✓			
Bulletin 37	28 May 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 38	21 June 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 39	26 June 2002	✓			✓
Bulletin 40	28 June 2002	✓			
Bulletin 41	04 July 2002	✓	✓		✓
Bulletin 42	12 July 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 43	19 July 2002	✓		✓	
Bulletin 44	6 August 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 45	13 August 2002	✓	✓	✓	
Bulletin 46	23 August 2002	✓		✓	
Bulletin 47	12 September 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 48	04 October 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 49	17 October 2002	✓		✓	✓

HDSS Contact Details

The Health Data Standards and Systems (HDSS) Unit of the Metropolitan Health and Aged Care 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 HelpDesk,
- 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.

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