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**This bulletin brings you up to date with news from across the Clinical Audit Support Unit and some of the news to look out for in the near future.**

## National Third Molar Audit

Saving Faces, a facial surgery research charity, has commissioned CASU to develop a system into which maxillofacial surgeons and dentists submit data about the symptoms, treatment and outcomes of people with impacted wisdom teeth.

This data will allow comparison of practice to the current NICE guidelines and assess the benefits and safety of particular treatments.

Users of the data collection system can see instantly how well they are doing compared to their peers through the reports the system generates.

The system collects data on whether any nerve-damage to the lips or tongue resulted from the treatment. As soon as that data is submitted, the system reports will show the user how often this problem is occurring for their patients alongside the rate for the combined user-base.

The new audit website and all the relevant documentation is now available at:  
[www.hscic.gov.uk/n3ma](http://www.hscic.gov.uk/n3ma)

## National Diabetes Foot Care Audit

The audit's first submission deadline passed on 31 July 2015. The audit team would like to thank the 129 Foot Care Services that have submitted data so far.

Over 5000 episodes were submitted from across 98 trusts and local health boards in England and Wales.



The first annual report is due in March 2016 and will cover all diabetic foot ulcer episodes with a Foot Care Service first assessment date on or prior to 10 April 2015.

Data collection is ongoing so collection for the next reporting period continues. Services can register by visiting the audit webpage: [www.hscic.gov.uk/footcare](http://www.hscic.gov.uk/footcare)

## National Diabetes Audit (NDA)

Collection of 2013/2014 data has closed and the collection of 2014/2015 data has begun. The submission deadline is 4 September 2015.

The audit team would like to thank all users for their continued support hard work, which has seen participation of nearly 65 per cent for the 2013/2014.

This year users have faced the challenge of a new participation model, which included a range of submission methods.

The decision to bring forward the collection of 2014/2015 data was in response to requests from NDA users for more timely reporting.

The 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 data will be analysed and published alongside each other this winter. The new look reports will be designed to be more patient-friendly, whilst providing GP level data to help practices and commissioners improve services for patients.

Details and documentation for all submission methods can be found on the audit webpage: [www.hscic.gov.uk/nda](http://www.hscic.gov.uk/nda)

## National Head and Neck Cancer Audit

After more than ten years, the management of the National Head and Neck Audit has moved from the HSCIC to Saving Faces. The new contract commenced on 1 July 2015 and transition activities are expected to run until December 2015.

Saving Faces will review the current dataset. For patients diagnosed between November 2014 and October 2015, only the data items needed for Consultant Outcomes Publication (COP) will be requested from trusts. These data items remain the same.

Trusts should continue to collect and hold these data items locally until Saving Faces is in a position to collect the data. Data collected by the HSCIC to date will be transferred to Saving Faces in due course.

The HSCIC will publish the 10th Annual Report on 3 September and will include a review of the audit's first ten years.

For the first time the report will include: crude four-year survival, an assessment of the Patient Concerns Inventory and the use of HPV (human papillomavirus) testing. HPV has been associated with a national increase in oropharyngeal (back of the throat) cancers.

Queries in relation to the 10th Annual Report should be directed to the DAHNO team via [enquiries@hscic.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@hscic.gov.uk).

All other queries in relation to the audit transition, COP and future arrangements should be directed to [hana@savingfaces.co.uk](mailto:hana@savingfaces.co.uk)

## National Pregnancy in Diabetes Audit (NPID)

The second annual report of the NPID audit is due to be published later this year. As well as analysing the data for the report, the audit team is undertaking a piece of work to estimate how many pregnancies are not recorded in the audit.



Services have been asked to keep a tally over a three month period of how many women are not included in the audit due to consent not being given. There are many reasons that consent may not be given, not only that the woman declined. Language barriers, staff resourcing and individual capacity can also mean women are not asked to take part in the audit, or are unable to give consent.

[www.hscic.gov.uk/npid](http://www.hscic.gov.uk/npid)

## National Diabetes Inpatient Audit

This year's collection takes place 21 to 25 September. Hospitals decide locally which day the audit will take place on. The packs containing the questionnaires will be sent out the week commencing Monday 31 August.

Hospitals must return completed questionnaires by 2 October. Hospital level data will be made available from March 2016.

The 2015 audit materials will be uploaded to the webpage soon: [www.hscic.gov.uk/diabetesinpatientaudit](http://www.hscic.gov.uk/diabetesinpatientaudit)

## Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

The first submission deadline the FGM Enhanced Dataset passed at the end of July. The first quarterly report is due to be published in September.

Sixty acute trusts and one GP practice have submitted data that will be included in the report. The collection became mandated for all acute trusts from 1 June 2015. Collection becomes mandated for all mental health trusts and GP practices from 1 October 2015.

[www.hscic.gov.uk/fgm](http://www.hscic.gov.uk/fgm)

## Other audits at a glance

- **Community-Based Surgery Audit:** The RCGP has emailed all CBSA users with latest newsletter. <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/clinical-and-research/our-programmes/quality-improvement/community-based-surgery-audit.aspx>
- **National Oesophago-Gastric Cancer Audit:** Trusts can now check their Consultant Outcomes Publication (COP) data in the Clinical Audit Platform (CAP): [clinicalaudit.hscic.gov.uk](http://clinicalaudit.hscic.gov.uk)
- **National Bowel Cancer Audit:** Trusts can now check their COP data in CAP: [clinicalaudit.hscic.gov.uk](http://clinicalaudit.hscic.gov.uk)