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Indicators update

Report from field testing and Indicator Feedback Sessions

The field test was complete by the end of February and the project team have analysed the results in terms of content validity and with regard to measurement of specific indicators. Analysis of the data was very positive in terms of content validity of the indicator set.

A feedback session with NSW field test hospitals and representatives from CEC, interstate jurisdictions and the steering committee was held on the 7th May. A further feedback session with interstate field test hospitals was held on 29th May via teleconference.



Final indicator set

The project team has developed the final indicator set and this has been ratified by the steering committee. The final set of indicators comprises 30 indicators in 6 bundles of care. The 6 bundles are:

- Safe and appropriate anti-thrombotic prescribing
- Safe and appropriate antibiotic prescribing
- Safe and appropriate medication ordering
- Pain management
- Continuity of care
- Effectiveness of hospital wide medication management policies

Proposed Implementation

All indicators are suitable for local action. In addition, the steering committee decided on 5 core indicators that would be recommended for high-priority state-wide action in NSW. It is not yet decided what form this action will take and may vary between indicators.

Other indicators were earmarked for future state-wide action and indicators were identified that could be included as part of other current data collection activities. Some indicators that were field tested have not been included in the final set as it was felt that more work needs to be done to refine these indicators.

Project completion

The project is due to be completed by the end of July 2007.

MSSA tools update

Implementation of the Medication Safety Self Assessment in NSW is progressing well. All NSW area health services have now appointed MSSA implementation officers. Their role is to provide support to hospitals in completing the self assessment.

Additionally, NSW TAG and CEC are providing training for hospital staff and several education sessions have already been held with more planned in June and July. An online discussion board has also been created so that hospitals can post questions and answers about the MSSA tools.

The Clinical Excellence Commission has requested that hospitals complete a baseline MSSA by November 2007. The baseline data will be analysed in early 2008 and the results will be used to establish state priorities for medication safety improvements.

To download the MSSA go to:
https://mssa.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/download_MSSA.html

To download the antithrombotic self assessment tool go to:
http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/mssa/MSSA-AT_download.html

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