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National Asthma and COPD Audit Programme (NACAP) Pulmonary Rehabilitation (PR) Newsletter (December 2018)

PR audit registration – England, Scotland and Wales

Registration for the PR audit is open! There are only 85 known services across England, Scotland and Wales yet to register. Please go to our website to download the registration form and send to the team at pulmrehab@rcplondon.ac.uk. **DON'T BE THE LAST TO SIGN UP!**



Information Governance

We will be sending letters out to Caldicott Guardians in December. In England and Wales, an approval form will be provided for Caldicott Guardians to complete. This will need to be returned to the audit team before services can access the web tool (if being returned by the clinical team, the Caldicott Guardian will need to be CC'd).

For Scotland, we have submitted an application to the Public Benefit and Privacy Panel therefore Caldicott Guardian letters are for information only.

PR dataset pilot

The pilot, which has now ended, started on 1 November with 19 services across England, Scotland and Wales participating. We would like to extend our thanks to all serviced that took part. The feedback and amended and finalised dataset will be available online in February 2019 once the information has been collated. If you have any queries about this please contact us via pulmrehab@rcplondon.ac.uk.

Good Practice Repository

If your service has implemented any quality improvement (QI) since the 2017 snapshot audit the NACAP team would like to hear from you as we would like to share your successes with other PR services.

Examples of QI may include initiatives to:

- Reduce waiting times to start of PR
- Ensure all exercise assessments are performed to recommended technical standards
- Increase patient completion rates

These initiatives will be collated in a Good Practice Repository similar to that of the COPD audit, which can be accessed [here](#). This repository will be made available for other services in the lead up to the audit launch in March 2019. If you wish to be considered for inclusion in the February 2019 newsletter as part of the launch of the Good Practice Repository, please contact us by **Friday 1 February 2019**.

Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services Accreditation Scheme (PRSAS)

The Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services Accreditation Scheme (PRSAS) is a supportive quality improvement accreditation pathway for pulmonary rehabilitation services with a robust quality assurance process suitable for the sector. For more information and to register for PRSAS go to <https://www.prsas.org/>

The team will be sending letters to CEO's and managers to make them aware of the benefits of PRSAS in December. If you would like a copy of this letter or would like to speak to the team about the accreditation scheme then please contact us at pulmrehab@rcplondon.ac.uk

NACAP Patient and Public Involvement

NACAP has a Patient Panel which provides a central patient and carer voice in the programme. Our adult members have selected patient improvement priorities for the PR audit based on results of a survey which received over 500 responses. They want to see:

- *Improved rates of appropriate referral to PR upon COPD diagnosis*

We will be reporting on this priority in the PR clinical and organisational report in March 2020, and will be focussing on highlighting the benefits of PR and the need to improve referrals through our audit communications and QI work.

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