Scottish Clinical Information Management in Practice

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Welcome

SCIMP is a clinically led, applied informatics reference group providing advice and consultancy to NHS Scotland Primary Care. Our membership includes GPs, practice managers, NMAHPs, system suppliers and GMS IT Facilitators. Our role is to support front line services, general practices and patient care using best practice in health informatics.

GP Contract & QOF

SCIMP has been providing terminology and data management advice to support the Scottish GP Quality and Outcomes Framework contract. Liaison with Scottish Government on the future technical implementation of QOF will continue and, as always, our objective are to make any such implementations fit with real world business processes in General Practice. SCIMP has produced a document based on the Version 26 business rules and QOF guidance as provided by SGHSCD. This review is now complete, and the document has been updated with content from SGPC and SG and is now available via the SCIMP website.

Conference 2013

There and Back Again. A patient's story: closing the loop'

SCIMP Conference this year is in Crieff Hydro Hotel, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th November 2013.

This years' conference brings together key figures in NHS Scotland to look at Patient Safety in a Chatham House Rules style debate. The conference aims to focus on real world patient safety issues and how eHealth can make things better at the interface of care. Our theme emphasises practical informatics and how we can 'close the loop' in terms of communications between primary and secondary care.

The programme and booking details are now available via our website.

To keep up to date with all the latest conference news, follow us on Twitter @SCIMP_GP

Scottish Primary Care Information Resource - SPIRE

SCIMP members are involved in the project teams for this GP data extraction and analysis service. In particular we are contributing to the governance, engagement and procurement requirements. The Information Governance principles are now largely complete.

Immunisations and Flu Guidance

SCIMP has produced a document outlining the data requirements for new immunisation types and schedules being introduced this year. This is available on the SCIMP website and is aimed at general practices that are delivering this service.

Medication Modelling

This innovative work will provide re-usable, computable models to make the exchange of Allergy and Medication data seamless between practices and across the primary to secondary care interface. The 'Adverse Reaction' model is now published and we are moving to engage with more stakeholders to progress implementation. 'Medication Item' has completed its first review and we will be commencing the second review round shortly. A new archetype, 'Medication Order', will shortly be opened to reviewers for comment. The combination of 'Medication Type' and 'Medication Order' will provide the glue to provide consistent displays of medication across GP systems, Out of Hours and for medicines reconciliation in patient settings. We are exploring work on detailing ingredient coding and providing a computable dose and frequency function.

Join in at http://www.clinicalmodels.org.uk.

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