

Overview of migration process

Introduction

The NVD data for Carotid and AAA repair will be migrated in the week commencing 28th April 2014.

The lower limb bypass and amputation procedures will be migrated in May 2014.

How to find / view migrated records

These can be found in the episode search screen with the rest of your procedures.

Records will show information consistent with the new NVR dataset. Many data items within the NVR are the same as the NVD. Information in data items that are no longer within the NVR is not available, although the NVR project team does have copies of all of the old NVD data. Some information in old data items were mapped to new NVR items.

Updating migrated records that are incomplete

Records have been migrated as locked to ensure they were available for analysis.

Some migrated records were incomplete. Additional data can be entered but the records will need to be unlocked. To unlock records please contact the NVR helpdesk, the Northgate helpdesk or your local NVR administrator.

The records will then be subject to the NVR validation rules, and so all mandatory fields will need to be updated. Please contact the NVR helpdesk if this is going to be an issue as some fields are more important than others to be complete for inclusion in the analysis for surgeon level reporting this year.

Online reports are only based on records that are submitted and with the discharge date and status completed. The first table within the online reporting section of the IT system will show the total number of records and ones for which the reports are based.



Old records that could not be migrated

During the migration process, we found that some old records were very incomplete or had inconsistent data (such as operation dates before admission dates). These did not meet the minimum level of data quality to be migrated.

Some records were also not migrated because it had the same local patient ID as another at that hospital, but had a different date of birth or gender. Therefore it was felt prudent to not attempt to 'join' these patient records together. Each patient in the NVR has to be unique in terms of the NHS/CHI number and the local patient ID, which is linked to a specific hospital.

We have retained a copy of these unmigrated records. If you think some of you records have not been migrated, please contact us to see what you can do to get these records uploaded onto the NVR IT system.