

### **What has been changed on the NVR IT System in January 2016?**

A number of changes have been made on the NVR IT system, both in the datasets and the overall running of the registry.

#### **AAA repair**

- Following a request from NICE, an answer option for EVAS has been added to the 'type of repair' question. Upon selecting EVAS, the normal EVAR related questions would apply, plus an additional question on whether the EVAS procedure used a standard device or chimney/periscope/snorkel.
- We have also added another answer option to the 'indication for intervention' question entitled '≥5.5 screen detected aneurysm (NAAASP).' This will allow us to distinguish those patients referred from the national screening programme from those under local surveillance programmes.
- Haemoglobin has been added to the risk scoring screen.

#### **Carotid**

- The 30 day stroke and 30 day CNI questions have been moved to the top of the follow up page and have also been made mandatory.

#### **Amputation**

- A new question has been added to the risk scoring field – HbA1c (glycated haemoglobin). If the patient is diabetic (as identified in the comorbidities question) then either glucose or HbA1c level must be recorded.

#### **Ability to record a major amputation in the same admission following a lower limb bypass**

We have made some changes to the NVR IT system to allow the recording of a major amputation following a lower limb bypass, where both procedures happened in the same hospital admission. A more detailed guide of this facility on the NVR [is available on our website](#).

#### **Online reporting tables**

We have added the ability to show results in the online reporting tables by the primary operator only (vascular specialist 1). If you are logged on as a consultant, choose 'Organisation' as the row header and click

on the tick box to only show your numbers where you were vascular specialist 1.

If you are logged on as a hospital administrator, choose 'Organisation' as the row header and then check the tick box to view the results of your hospital's cases by the primary operator only.

For more information regarding the online reporting tables, please read the updated [userguide to the online reporting tables](#).

### **Upload facility**

The ability to upload data into the NVR using csv files has now been created, but is currently limited to the NVR project team. Please contact us if you wish to utilise the upload facility.