National Vascular Registry: A National Prospective Audit

Changes and Fixes to the NVR IT system in April 2014

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Thank you for your patience and support over the first few months of the NVR IT system going live. We have received a large amount of useful feedback regarding the datasets and functionality of the IT system.

As a result, there will be two separate releases of changes made to the NVR IT system within April 2014. These will include additional features and fixes to known issues.

On **9th April 2014** the following amendments will be made to the NVR:

- A large number of fixes and changes to the NVR datasets that have been identified over the last few months. For more information on these, please see [this document](#)
- Ability to export data displayed in the episode search screen into a csv format.

On **17th April 2014** additional amendments will be made to the NVR IT system:

- The remaining fixes from [this document](#)
- The AAA repair and CEA data from the NVD will be uploaded to the NVR. Please see additional item below on data migration.
- Interactive reporting tables will be made available for AAA and CEA so data can be analysed within the NVR.
- Enhanced episode search screen with colour coding to indicate completeness of record and also indication of 'vascular specialist' position.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **9 April 2014** First release of NVR updates in April
- **17 April 2014** Second release of NVR updates in April

New Website Documents

As a result of these changes, new versions of the:

- data dictionary,
- proformas and

are now available from the [Resources page](#) of our website

Migration of NVD data into NVR

The AAA repair and CEA data from the NVD will be uploaded to the NVR on 17th April 2014. There are a number of important points to note about this migration process:

- The NVR has much more stringent validation rules compared to the NVD. To cater for this, all records will be uploaded in a 'submitted state.' Therefore, the record will have to be unlocked before any changes or updates can be made to it.
- Please contact the NVR Helpdesk, the Northgate Helpdesk or your local NVR administrator in order to unlock records.
- There were data issues with a small percentage of cases (e.g. no operation date), which meant that they were not uploaded into the NVR. If you feel you are missing cases, please contact the NVR helpdesk.

Publication of Surgeon Level Statistics in 2014

HQIP, under the direction of NHS England have again asked the NVR to publish results on AAA repair and CEA procedures for individual consultants in 2014. The expected publication date will be in September 2014. The next newsletter will contain more detailed information about timescales and what will be published.

There are some key items we want to make you aware of now:

- We will not be required to ask for consent to publish data on individual consultants
- The results for 2014 will again be on CEA and elective infra-renal AAA repairs
- The results for 2014 will be made available on our website and not as a pdf document, in the light of misinterpretation of the results in the media in 2013.