

Please contribute to the ABCD Nationwide Exenatide Audit

Since its launch in the UK, some clinical experience with exenatide has been gained by most diabetologists. ABCD is in a unique position to accelerate our understanding of this new agent by pooling all our individual experiences through a nationwide audit. The nationwide audit is now live and all ABCD members are strongly encouraged to contribute all, or as many as possible, of their exenatide patients. Whether you have just one or two or many we would like the information on all of them.

[What might we learn from such a nationwide audit?](#)

Facilitate your own local audit

We envisage that most contributors will do this by having a sub-audit area which we will specifically set up for them on the ABCD website and accessed only by themselves and the Data Administrator. The advantage of this is that contributors, after entering the data on their own patients, can download just their own data for their own local analysis.

If you have already collected the data electronically

We are aware that some members already have their exenatide patients on a database or spreadsheet. If this is the case, please contact us (bob.ryder@nhs.net) to work out the best way of incorporating your data into the national audit.

All contributors included in any publications

All contributors to the audit will be acknowledged in any publications of the audit and, as with all such publications following large multi-centred trials etc, all contributors will have joint ownership of the publications in terms of being able to add them to their publication lists etc.

Who should enter the data?

SpR's are assigned time for audit/research and we envisage in the typical centre a sub-audit area would be set up and the SpR will lead the data entry and the local analysis and presentation. For example, Peter Winocour's SpR has already undertaken this function in Hertfordshire. There are times when medical students are looking for projects and this forms an alternative possibility – Medical Students are undertaking the function for Bob Ryder in Birmingham. In another centre the SpR is supervising other staff.

Is there funding to support data entry?

In centres where an approach along the lines discussed in the previous paragraph is in some way problematic, ABCD does have some funds to support data entry by non-medical staff such as DSN's or secretaries according to local need. In such cases, after the data entry, members may apply for £4 per patient entered using a form at the web address below. It is recognised that this may not cover the full cost but it could represent a significant contribution and may help.

Caldicott Guardian

Naturally for all data entered the patient must be anonymous and on this basis the project has the support of a Caldicott Guardian.

Deadline

Data is being presented at a satellite meeting of Diabetes UK in March. In view of this members are requested to contribute their cases by February 18, 2009.

To contribute

To contribute to the national audit and for further information, please go to the following website.

www.diabetologists.org.uk/exenatide_audit

The username and password for members are, as always:

Username = contact us if you need access

Password = contact us if you need access

If you need to involve non members:

Username = contact us if you need access

Password = contact us if you need access

Contact

For further information contact either:

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