

National Vascular Registry: A National Prospective Audit

Updated: 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 are pleased to inform you that further improvements have been made to the IT system.

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

- The remaining fixes from [this document](#)
- Interactive reporting tables will be made available for AAA repair and CEA so data can be analysed within the NVR IT system. For more information on online reporting, please read the [Online Reporting Guide](#).
- There is now a [Quick Reference Guide](#) to the data export function available on our website.

In the week commencing **21st April 2014** one additional amendment will be made:

- Enhanced episode search screen with colour coding to indicate completeness of record and also indication of 'vascular specialist' position. If you are logged on as a vascular surgeon or interventional radiologist, you will be able to see what number you were entered in the vascular specialist position field. If you are logged on as an anaesthetist or an admin user you will see who was allocated as vascular specialist 1.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **17 April 2014** Second release of NVR updates in April
- **W/C 28 April 2014** AAA and CEA data from NVD gets migrated

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

Complex AAA Repairs

There has been some uncertainty about how to code and record complex AAA repairs in the NVR IT system. We have therefore drawn up some [guidance](#) on these.

Migration of NVD data into NVR IT System

The AAA repair and CEA data from the NVD will be uploaded to the NVR in the week commencing 28th April 2014. We have delayed the migration by a few days to ensure that the data was transferred correctly and that the NVR IT system would not be slowed down by the extra records.

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, records will have to be unlocked before any changes or updates can be made to them.
- 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.
- For more details, please see our document on the [Overview of the Data Migration Process](#).

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. We will publicise data submission deadlines in the next newsletter in the first week of May. There are some key items we want to make you aware of now:

- Individual consultants will not be required to give consent for their data to be published.
- 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.