

# PTI UPDATE

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## PTI Team Information

**PTI Update replaces the CMR Update as CMR has evolved into Practice Team Information (PTI) .**

## PTI Conference 2003

To confirm the details of the letter from [Susan Burney](#), Head of Primary Care Information Group, sent to practices around 9th May, the PTI Conference was postponed in response to the strong message received from PTI practices that the timing of this conference would not have been ideal.

The postponement allows practices the time to settle into the new data recording processes and when a conference takes place, as many PTI participating practices as possible can mix and share their experiences.

## RCN Accreditation

Following an intensive application process, the Royal College of Nursing have accredited the PTI guidelines and training materials.

[Fiona Black](#), Project Development Officer, prepared, presented and progressed the application.

Accreditation was provided at

the end of December 2002.

Any clinician participating in PTI training completes a Delegate Form and receives Continuous Education Points.

Clinicians who have completed these forms during recent training should receive their certificate from the [RCN](#) in the next few weeks.

An information sheet titled 'Framework for Reflection' is provided to all [RCN](#) members participating in PTI training giving guides and prompts on how to summarise any professional development, such as PTI training, in the most appropriate way for inclusion in clinicians personal professional portfolio within the post-registration education and practice (**PREP**) framework.

To ensure PTI training maintains its high standards and develops to meet the needs of the clinicians and practices, a post training evaluation form is provided. The feedback was studied and analysed for PTI purposes and also provided to the [RCN](#) as part of the continuing validation processes.

Overall, clinicians have been satisfied with the standard of

training provided and it has been very useful to receive constructive comments.

Thanks to all clinicians who have completed the evaluation questionnaire.

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## Developments

### Nurse Modifier Development

[PTI Update 26](#) (December 2002) gave details of the practice consultation phase of this development. Thanks to all those practices who completed and returned the paperwork.

The data were collated and the overall view of clinicians was that the proposed changes will make PTI data collection easier. The proposed new modifier terms seem more intuitive and should be easier to apply consistently.

We are now working on an implementation plan and details will be provided once the plan is agreed with all parties involved.

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### PTI Data Collection— Mobile devices

Clinicians have continually asked if 'handheld' devices were available to collect PTI data. This method of collection could be of benefit to community clinicians as they could have access to patient information while attending to their patient at home or other place. Clinicians have also identified other possible benefits e.g. prescribing. Within the practice environment, having a mobile data input device could assist clinicians who may not have access to a desktop PC or have to use different rooms to see their patients.

PTI recently saw a demonstration of mobile devices being used to remotely access a practice GPASS system. This demonstration has led to a small scale pilot with the aim of showing how such technology can be used to gather PTI data. The **initial phase** of the pilot will utilise a wireless network with various input devices being used to collect data within the practice. This will allow clinicians to assess the practicality of using these types of input devices and

method of accessing GPASS.

Clinicians participating in this phase of the pilot will feedback comments and experiences to PTI throughout the first phase. At the conclusion of the initial phase, a report will be produced.

Should this phase of the pilot prove successful, further options will be discussed with GPASS and other relevant parties.

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### CDSS Development

A significant number of practices utilise Clinical Decision Support System (CDSS).

In order to reduce the need to switch between CDSS and the PTI Nurse Data Collection (NDC) module we are in discussion with CDSS and GPASS with a view to investigate whether a future GPASS version may combine the benefits of CDSS and PTI.

In future, PTI would hope that when a clinician is entering patient data through CDSS, the nurse activity would automatically copy across for PTI needs and

there would be an opportunity to add a modifier and associated morbidity without switching to the NDC module. If the same patient care is carried out again, all details previously entered would be shown and there would be an opportunity to confirm that the details are correct for this encounter.

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### Useful Websites

Scotland's health on the web  
<http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/>

Information and Statistics  
Division  
<http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/isd>

CMR  
<http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/isd/cmr/index.htm>



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