



## NEWSLETTER: JULY 2016

### GOVERNANCE PILOT WITH DISCOVERY HEALTH HAS BEEN LAUNCHED

The pilot project which has been 18 months in the making is aimed at reducing managed healthcare hassle, enhancing *quality* of care and improving surgeon remuneration including the potential for a share of savings model in the future. It was officially launched at the WITS Biennial on 28 June 2016. Surgicom members are now able to apply to participate by downloading the application forms from the website or from the link in this newsletter. Discovery Health will pay members for completing the discharge summary for admissions and events after 1 August 2016.

Why we need this project and how all surgeons can benefit.

#### DISCOVERY HEALTH ID AND CONSENT



The point of data sharing and the basis for the R380 payment per event is the discharge summary. This works through Health ID, either on the web or on an iPad, but in order to access a patient's Health ID record the patient's consent is required. Surgeons are urged to request their staff to obtain this digitally whenever they register a DHMS patient. Once the initial consent at registration has been obtained it follows through to the discharge summary and all subsequent interactions with this patient. If the initial registration process, including obtaining consent was incomplete, the Health ID will reflect 'Consent Required' before allowing you to proceed with the discharge summary. An additional R75 is paid directly to you every time you access a patient record on Health ID for a consultation or event.

There are four ways to obtain consent:

##### 1. iPad

If you have the Health ID app on iPad (recommended) - the patient signs on the screen to give consent.

2.	<b>Web</b> Go to <a href="http://www.discovery.co.za">www.discovery.co.za</a> and select <b>Health ID Consent</b>
3.	<b>Discovery App for Smartphones</b> Most DH patients have the DH app on their smartphones. They can select Health ID Consent and nominate you as a doctor that can have access to their health record.
4.	<b>SMS</b> Almost everyone can send an SMS to <u>31347: Consent3, patient's date of birth, doctor's individual practice number.</u> eg. Cosnet3, 19700726, 1543261

## HOW DOES THE DISCHARGE SUMMARY WORK?

As long as the required consent has been obtained, completion of the discharge summary should take less than 5 minutes per case.

Detailed Tutorial on How to Complete the  
Discharge Summary

## WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

The discharge summary has come a long way but still needs to be viewed as 'work in progress'. Modifications will continue to be released and members will be notified accordingly. The drop-down menus do not include all the possible diagnoses, ICD-10 codes, co-morbidities and procedures so it is necessary to occasionally have to look these codes up or memorise them. In order to continue to improve the discharge summary we need feedback from Surgicom members.

## NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE SURGICOM / DISCOVERY PILOT

Registration is now open for the pilot. Please encourage all your general surgical colleagues to participate. If they are not current members of Surgicom they will have to join, but just two completed discharge summaries a month more than pays the Surgicom membership fees.

## GENERAL SURGERY CODING INITIATIVE

Members of the Surgicom coding sub-committee have prepared 27 new breast codes including sentinel node biopsy and skin sparing mastectomy as well as several Hernia, Thyroid and Colorectal codes. Details of these will be sent to all Surgicom

members. The committee welcomes suggestions on additional codes that will need to be created or modified.

Please send your suggestions to [Suresh.Raidoo@momentum.co.za](mailto:Suresh.Raidoo@momentum.co.za)

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