

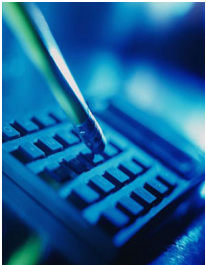
International Nutrition Survey 2009

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Changes to the Electronic Data Capture System: APACHE II Worksheet



When calculating the APACHE Score using our online worksheet please take note of the specified units. For example: FiO₂ is entered as a decimal value, not as a percent, thus the acceptable range is 0.2 – 1.00, and not 1 – 100. For your

reference, the acceptable ranges for oxygenation are 20-600 for PaO₂ and 0-300 for PaCO₂.

Please check that you have entered this information correctly, and if you find errors in your data entry, correct these if you can, and contact us if you require assistance. This will ensure that the calculated APACHE II score is accurate. Also, please note that a revised version of the instruction manual has been posted, with information on what to do in the event that the FiO₂ is greater than or equal to 0.50 and multiple gases are available.

Helpful Dates

NOVEMBER 4th 2009: You may continue including new eligible patients admitted to the ICU in the survey up until this day, such that you will have time to collect 60-day outcome data, in order to be eligible for the Best-of-the-Best award.

DECEMBER 1st 2009: All patient baseline information and daily nutrition data **must be entered online by this day.** Please also enter all outcomes available to you before this date.



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EARLY JANUARY 2010: You will receive your draft site report. Also, we will contact you if you are a top performer, and request that you send us your **source documents** (e.g. copy of anonymized patient charts) for data verification. We also encourage you to **keep copies of your CRFs** to make the data checking/query process go smoothly.

END OF JANUARY 2010: You will receive your final site report.

FEBRUARY 10 2010, 8:00-10:00AM: Results of the International Nutrition Survey 2009 will be presented at Clinical Nutrition Week 2010.

Helpful Hints for the Survey



If you are not familiar with the electronic data capture system, **do not leave online data entry to the last minute.** Entering some data online can help you better understand the data you are collecting, and identify and anticipate data collection and data entry problems.



Collect data on all patients for a maximum of 12 days, or until they leave your ICU. **You do not have to collect daily nutrition data on patients discharged from your ICU.** If, however, patients are discharged and then readmitted to your ICU within 48 hours, you would continue collecting data for them as if they never left the ICU. For these patients, collect data from time spent outside of the ICU if you can, or comment online to explain why data is missing.



Use a secure password to protect all of your data. The best passwords contain a combination of symbols, numbers, uppercase and lowercase letters. One tip is to use a mnemonic to create a password: "thrilled to be participating in the International Nutrition Survey 2009" could be your password: "ttbpitINS09". That's a pretty good password, and you probably won't forget it!



Please do not use your browser's back buttons or refresh buttons when entering data for the survey online. Using these browser buttons can cause problems, including your data not being saved, or duplicate data being saved.



Don't create patients or add patient days until you know that you will need them. This will save you the hassle of having to contact us to have this extra data removed. If you do need patients or days removed, contact Fernando Ferrer, at ferrerf@kgh.kari.net, to say you need data removed on the adult survey, indicate your site, the patient number, and the days that need to be removed.

Yay!

Did you know? 207 sites have registered online to participate in the International Nutrition Survey 2009! Thanks for making this year's survey such a success!

Are you the Best of the Best?

Remember, to be eligible for the best-of-the-best competition you must:

- Finalize at least 20 patients within the timelines noted in this newsletter
- Have a feeding protocol in place
- Be willing to enable us to verify your nutrition data



What is Clinical Nutrition Week 2010?

The American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN) will be holding their annual conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 9-12, 2010. Clinical Nutrition week is a "high impact learning and networking event" dedicated to all aspects of parenteral and enteral nutrition. Highlights of the conference include over 125 sessions and workshops on the latest clinical nutrition research, pre-conference programs on issues in parenteral and enteral nutrition, a scientific poster exchange, and a marketplace displaying new products and services.

At a session at this conference Dr Daren Heyland will present some of the results of this year's International Nutrition Survey, and recognize the 2009 "Best of the Best" award recipients. The top three sites will be awarded up to \$1000 towards attending Clinical Nutrition Week.

For more information, please visit ASPEN's website:

<http://www.nutritioncare.org/>

