

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING BAUS WEB-BASED DATABASE (from Sarah Fowler, BAUS Cancer Registry and Audits Manager)**

The new web based database launched in June is now well established with many members successfully entering data into all the Section of Oncology audits including the nephrectomy audit that was combined with the Section of Endourology dataset in January 2009 and all historical data has been imported into the new system.

You will be aware from previous communications that as from **1 January 2010** the only method for returning data (**for on-line audits**) will be via the Nuvola web-based program. **No paper returns and no extracts from the current access databases can be accepted after 31 December 2009.** Any paper forms submitted after this date will be returned to sender. Any data returned up to the end of the year will be transferred to the new system as soon as possible. **You are therefore encouraged to start entering your data directly onto the new system as soon as possible.**

Login to the new system here: <https://audits.baus.org.uk>. Passwords and login details were sent to BAUS members in June 2009. If you forget your password you can use the forgotten password link on the login page which will generate a new one, which will be emailed to you. If you have any difficulties please contact me at [sarah@sarahfowler.org](mailto:sarah@sarahfowler.org). An issues log has also been created (accessed on the main system menu (under 'Issues / help') once you have logged on) which can be used to raise any issues or difficulties you may have with the system, and also used as a reference area. The answer to your question may be there and, if not, the system developers will do their best to answer it as soon as they can.

We are aware that many Trusts have their own systems for collecting data and normally provide exports of these which are then imported into the current database. In recognition of this we have provided the facility for data to be imported in "bulk" format. [File guidance](#) and format for all datasets currently on-line can be downloaded from the BAUS web-site.

If you have a Data Coordinator who normally sends annual returns to the BAUS databases and you wish them to be a "user" and enter data on your behalf please contact me at [sarah@sarahfowler.org](mailto:sarah@sarahfowler.org) as soon as possible with their name and e-mail details so we can provide appropriate log in details. In order to encourage direct entry onto the Nuvola system and avoid duplication of effort new paper proformas will not be released. However should you wish to design your own, the [content and format](#) for all on-line datasets can be downloaded via the BAUS web-site. On entering the site, ([www.baus.org.uk](http://www.baus.org.uk)), select BAUS sub-specialty sections, then BAUS Cancer Registry and Sections audit. Regular updates are made to the web-site during the course of the year to ensure the information is always current.

### **Analyses of the 2009 Section of Oncology Datasets**

We will be performing analyses of the **2009 Complex Operations Datasets** in March 2010 and would be grateful if you could ensure that all relevant 2009 data is entered/uploaded by **Friday 26 February 2010** at the latest. Analyses of the **2009 Minimum Dataset** will be performed as usual in September and this data should be entered by **Friday 30 July 2010** at the latest. Please make a note of these dates in your diary and ensure that, if you do not enter the data yourself, the person responsible is aware of them.

### **New On-line Audits to be launched on 1 January 2010:**

- Section of Endourology: PCNL Audit
- An audit of Urethroplasty will be launched by the **Section of Andrology & Genito-Urethral Surgery** early in the New Year.

- Section of Female, Neurological & Urodynamic Urology. Ian Pearce Section Audit lead writes:

“As Section members will be aware, your section has been conducting a paper based audit program for some considerable time now and contributions to this have been modest at best.

I’m delighted to announce that through the excellent hard work of Bill Turner and Sarah Fowler, the suprapubic catheter audit has been transferred to the on-line database which should greatly facilitate data entry. The existing audit of safety/risks of elective suprapubic catheter insertion has been broadened to include emergency insertion, in response to the NPSA concern about the risks of suprapubic catheterisation. There are now almost 200 entries for individual patients in the audit (that have been transferred to the web database) so the Section is well on the way to a suitable data set for elective catheterisation. The Section would like to produce an equivalent data set for emergency catheterisation. A completion guide can be downloaded via Section’s audit page on the BAUS web-site.

The audit into the use of Botulinum toxin for OAB will remain paper based for the immediate future. There has been a degree of confusion regarding the scoring with the ICIQ forms which I would like to clarify. The ICIQ-OAB score is the sum of the scores for questions 3, 4, 5 and 6 making a maximum possible score of 56. The ICIQ-UI scoring is clearer on the actual form and is the sum of the scores for questions 3, 4 and 5, making a maximum possible total of 21. This is basis upon which the forms were validated.

Please could I urge colleagues to contribute and submit their data on a regular basis, to date the SPC audit has received 191 submissions, whilst the Botulinum toxin audit has received 47.

All the forms are available on the website at <http://www.sarahfowler.org/bsfru.htm> and I anticipate being in a position to present interim audit findings at the section annual meeting at BAUS in June 2010. Individual comparative data will also be available and as we are all aware, participation in national audit is a requirement for re-validation.”