

Commercial Opportunity

The Simple Rules Toolkit (ref: 132)

An educational tool designed to help staff differentiate between clinical audit, research and service review activities

Overview

The Simple Rules Toolkit has been created to provide generic advice and guidance to those engaged in collection of data for clinical audit, research and service improvement. It is a set of simple rules that helps any NHS Staff to differentiate between clinical audit, research and service review activities thereby, follow established clinical governance practices and avoidance of potential harm to patients, staff or the Trust.

The Problem

At present the NHS Staff involved in clinical audit, research and services framework find it difficult to correctly categorise their data collection activity most of the time and comply with the increasingly complex ethical, legal and clinical governance requirements. The risks of applying an incorrect method to the data collection may lead to impinging on legal and ethical thereby contravening research governance and patient safety

The Solution

- A set of **Simple Rules** that will identify the most appropriate activity
- A series of **Rule in questions** that can be used to confirm the type of activity
- **Referral routes** to seek advice for 'grey area cases' when the Toolkit Simple Rules and Rule In Questions are unable to provide a clear categorisation between these activities
- Provides definitions of Service Review that incorporate both **Service/Practice development and Service/Practice evaluation**
- A set of **Ethical Principles Applicable to Service Review** that provide guidance on setting up and conducting a project in line with clinical governance requirements
- Advice on how all proposed changes to practice must consider the clinical impact of the proposed changes and must be set in the context of risk to patients

Since the internal launch in March 2005, over 300 staff has attended workshops to explore the best ways to use the Toolkit in their own clinical areas to facilitate clinical effectiveness activities and therefore promote evidence based practice.

Quote from a Consultant Anaesthetist attending one of the workshops – *“Despite being sceptical, well presented and made me feel I could roll this out to colleagues”*

Quote from Senior Nurse attending another workshop - *“Easy to put knowledge gained into practice”*



Contents include: -

- Key points about the Toolkit
- The Simple Rules
- The Rule In Questions
- Ethical Principles applicable to Service Review
- Glossary of Terms
- Frequently asked questions about the Toolkit

Benefits for NHS Staff

- The Toolkit enables the proposed data collection activity to be correctly categorised **most of the time**
- It will help NHS staff comply with the increasingly complex ethical, legal and clinical governance requirements surrounding data collection activity within the NHS
- It is a risk management tool that aims to reduce the risk of contravening the research governance framework, local clinical governance requirements and the potential of using unsafe data to confirm or change practice.

How to place an order

- Buy the Simple Rules Toolkit at £14.99 AND receive a free updated version in 2007
- Book on a Simple Rules Toolkit educational workshop at £130 and get the Toolkit free AND receive a free updated version in 2007

To place an order on-line for the Toolkit visit www.ennovations.co.uk. To register your interest in attending an educational workshop, contact Stephanie Bridgford at Medipex Limited (quoting the Simple Rules Toolkit workshop) Direct Line Tel: 0113 392 6494