

PLVE Records Audit

Here is a short self-audit of patient records for you to complete using this pro-forma.

The Training Programme Director will verify the audit at a visit to the Practice.

Please have the records used in the audit easily available for the visit.

You are asked to audit the treatment records for the first 20 suitable patients seen on and after a nominated date. All of the patients included in the audit need to have been treated as NHS patients so patients not treated within the NHS must be excluded. No more than 5 of the courses of treatment to be audited should be examinations only, thus you may need to move sequentially to the next patient seen if this is the case. Similarly there need to be 10 case including items of restorative work, three cases including endodontic work and two cases covering paedodontic work. The audit refers to work done in that course of treatment. Thus a patient contact for a simple restoration may be part of a course of treatment started several weeks earlier, and the audit refers to the entire course of treatment for that patient over that period.

The items that you are required to audit are explained here. In each case if the item is present please insert a tick '✓' if not then please insert a cross '✗':

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| Patient Identifier. | Please insert a unique code or number so that you can identify the patient for retrieving the records and yet maintain anonymity |
| Is there a relevant Medical History completed and signed by the patient in the last year present? | There needs to be present a signed Medical History Pro-forma dated within the last year. If it is please insert a tick '✓' if not then please insert a cross '✗' |
| Has the Medical History been recently updated? | There needs to be evidence that the medical history has been checked in this course of treatment and before invasive treatment is carried out. |
| Is there a full baseline charting recorded? | There should be available a full baseline charting of the patient. |
| Is there charting / listing present of treatment proposed and provided? | There should be present listed or charted representation of the treatment proposed for this course and the treatment carried out. |
| Has an extra-oral soft tissue examination been recorded? Has an intra-oral soft tissue examination been recorded? | There should be record of both extra-oral and intra-oral examinations recorded. |
| Has a diagnosis or a rationale for the treatment carried out been recorded? | There must be a description of the pathological process recognised: e.g. pericoronitis, acute pulpitis, caries etc., or a reason for carrying out the particular treatment? |

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| <p>Is the periodontal status recorded in the last year with BPE scores or similar?</p> | <p>This requires the presence of a BPE score within the last year. If it is not applicable, for example with edentulous patients or child patients, then N/A requires to be written</p> |
| <p>Is relevant periodontal care recorded or diagnosed?</p> | <p>There needs to be evidence that the periodontal care diagnosed and carried out meets with the BPE scores that have been recorded.</p> |
| <p>Have treatment options been recorded?</p> | <p>There needs to be a record of the appropriate options offered the patient.</p> |
| <p>Has the caries risk status been recorded? Has the periodontal risk status been recorded? Has the cancer risk status been recorded?</p> | <p>There should be caries, periodontal and cancer risk assessments recorded.</p> |
| <p>Are relevant recent radiographs present?</p> | <p>Normally one would expect bitewing radiographs taken in the last two years to be present. For cases involving endodontic treatment there should be suitable radiographs present. If the case is edentulous or a young child then N/A may be applicable. FGDP guidance is the normal standard.</p> |
| <p>Is a clinical reason for the radiographs recorded?</p> | <p>If radiographs are taken there MUST be a clinical reason; e.g. for bitewings it could state 'to monitor bone and caries'. If none have been taken then N/A should be inserted.</p> |
| <p>Is a radiographic report recorded?</p> | <p>There must be evidence of a report of the radiograph, usually related to the clinical reason for it being taken. If none have been taken then N/A should be inserted.</p> |
| <p>Is there a record of the radiographic QA?</p> | <p>Is there a grading present for the quality of the radiograph? If not this may be because it is recorded elsewhere, but this will need to be explained. We would expect the NRPB grading guidelines to be followed.</p> |
| <p>Does the recall interval recorded follow NICE guidelines?</p> | <p>There should be evidence recorded of reasons for the recorded recall interval commensurate with the NICE guidelines?</p> |

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