

Elogbook Report

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I have recently taken on board the role as the trainee representative for the elogbook (www.elogbook.org).

A bit of background for those interested. The elogbook is owned by the Faculty of Health and Informatics at the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh. The Paediatric Surgical section is run and configured by the newly set up elogbook group consisting of Andrew Lamb (Local IT), Ms E Cusick (Bristol), Mr R Fisher (Leicester), Mr S Madan (Addenbrookes), and myself. This is a private database not subject to the freedom of information act. Unlike ISCP, it is not at risk of being released into the public domain. The only people who have access to the unique patient identifiers are yourself and your trainer if you allow them access (see validation later).

As you may be aware, BAPS have suggested that 'we' (Paediatric surgical trainee's ST and SPR's) should utilise the elogbook in preference to any other online logbook. It has been understood that people may choose to continue to use other options although for all new ST trainee's it is MANDATORY to use a logbook which is compatible with ISCP. With the elogbook, as long as you check the box allowing ISCP to access your data it is totally compatible (Admin & Help, My Details). It would be pertinent to point out however that ISCP cannot access the actual patient data or complications, only the case load.

Operations:

Ms Cusick has consolidated the operation list to those which are felt to be relevant. It is possible to request the addition of further operations either through her personal email, or through the elogbook (Admin & Help, Logbook help).

Filtering:

As many of you already familiar with the database will have been aware, previously it has been a bit laborious setting up filters which may be comparable with the SAC categories. Ms Cusick has now simplified this by providing a consolidation of our data by operation group. The groups and operations are similar to those previously recognised by the SAC. We are however readdressing these. This list is therefore currently under construction, and any ideas for operations within groups which are not represented should be forwarded to either myself or Ms Cusick.

If anybody feels the need for other filters to be added to the elogbook please discuss this with us as they may be simple to set up centrally, and of equal use to all trainees.

Validation:

Your consultant needs to have signed up for the database to enable both your status, year as a trainee, and your operations to be validated. This means that at the end of a set time period your trainer can check your operations log and validate that it is true, as was previously recommended with the paper version of the BAPS logbook.

As a bonus for trainers, if they are signed up to the logbook and you attach their name to the procedure their own logbook is automatically updated. You are required however to allow them access to your logbook in order for this all to happen. This can be done through security, trainer access.

Transfer of Data:

This was brought up at the meeting as it has become apparent that some users have had problems with this being unreliable. This is being looked into and we will keep you updated.

The Future:

We do have some thoughts for future direction which will allow a wider appeal to the database. One of these is the addition of procedure specific complications. This will make transition into Consultant appraisal easier, and allow direct comparison with a national average for complications. As with unique identifiers people would not be able to identify whose complications they compare to. To make this meaningful, we need good utilisation. This is also currently true for registrars. You would be able to compare to the average registrar within the same year as yourself with regards procedure numbers if utilisation improved.

We are interested about peoples thoughts with regards what YOU want, both now and also with regards future consultant CPA's/ appraisal.

Please email me with ideas to take to the group on my email as below:

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