

PITUS 18 – 20 Working Groups Update July 2020

Working Group 1 – Evaluation and Promotion Chair – Catherine Pitman

No meetings July 2020

Working Group 2 – Terminology Development Chair – Lawrie Bott

TD Chemical Pathology – Meeting 12, 28 July 2020

- * 52 LOINC terms approved; 18 LOINC terms rejected; 15 LOINC terms remain for follow up
- * No progress on draft core Porphyrin set
- * Protein electrophoresis work to be progressed at meeting scheduled 04 August 2020

TD Chemical Pathology Subject Matter Expert – Meeting 10 (Blood Gases & POCT), 14 July 2020

- * AACB have expressed desire to dovetail Reference Interval Harmonisation work with PITUS terminology work
- * AACB Reference Interval Harmonisation work being done in collaboration with New Zealand (NZ). NZ keen to harmonise ABG & VBG pO₂, pCO₂ units but they report in kPa; Australia not expecting to adopt kPa reporting
- * Reminder that tests with different LOINC codes must not be shown as the same test (e.g. on the same line) in sequential display whether by graph or cumulative reporting - may lead to incorrect conclusions in high-intensive care situations, therefore a patient safety issue. Laboratory Information Systems (LIS) generally cater for this scenario, but when results are displayed in various Electronic Medical Record (EMR) or Clinical Information Systems (CIS), evidence provided by NSWHP indicate wide variation in display of blood gas results
- * Nationwide adoption of proposed RCPA SPIA terminology reference set codes (SNOMED – requesting; LOINC – reporting) for blood gases would greatly assist to reduce potential patient safety issue

TD Haematology – No further meetings, all terms reviewed

TD Immunopathology – Meeting 11, 21 July 2020

- * 37 LOINC terms approved; 3 LOINC terms rejected
- * 45 SNOMED terms approved; 0 SNOMED terms rejected; 2 SNOMED terms reallocated to other disciplines
- * All terms reviewed; no further meetings required

TD Microbiology, Serology & Molecular Biology – No meetings July 2020

Working Group 3 – Systems Design and Compliance Chair – Vanessa Cameron

No meetings July 2020

Working Group 4 – SPRC Infostructure and Conformance Chair – David Ellis

Meeting 20 – 28 July 2020

- * RCPAQAP have installed new automated compliance checking software, with HL7 message compliance checking ready for Chemical Pathology. Sample Colorectal cancer HL7 messages to be tested as the basis for automated compliance checking for all SPRC protocols
- * Colorectal Cancer, Polypectomy & Endometrial Cancer protocols transformed into FHIR resources; additional refinement underway with publication expected by 31 October 2020

Working Group 5 – Report Standardisation Chair – Graham Jones

Meeting 24 – 21 July 2020

- * Propose Wg5 members' laboratory reporting behaviours are utilised to inform draft Best Practice Guidelines for report headers and test groupings
- * Clinical utility identified as a key reason for combining results on a single report, but other factors noted.
- * Straw man proposal for GP download test report components and names to be circulated prior to next wg5 meeting