

KANSAS COLLECTORS USER'S GROUP
SRS Learning Center
December 5, 2007

Present: Myrna Harmon-Austin, Elaine Swisher, Alvina Fant, Laurel Stanley, Eric Cook-Wiens.

Present via Conference Call: Sharon Gehring, Sara Compton, Lois Towster, Ken Jones, Julie Rieger, Linnea Coker, Shelly Nolting, Angela Pebley.

Facilities Represented: Lawrence MH, Saint Francis HMC, KUMC, Newton MC, Overland Park RMC, Wesley MC, Sabetha CH, Providence MC, Saint John Hospital.

Welcome

Kansas Trauma Program Update

1. Regulations for hospital designation became effective November 2, 2007. One facility has applied for the designation already.
2. The Board of EMS will be awarding the contract for data collection system software. The company receiving the contract will likely be announced in the next week.
3. AIS 2005 is still not available for Collector users. Digital Innovation is working on the module however and emphasized that AIS2005 mapping is not yet a requirement for ACS verification.
4. The Kansas Highway Patrol announced recently at the SAFE Kids meeting that there were 100 fewer fatalities on Kansas roadways this year compared to last year.
5. We continue to work on producing an Annual Report geared for communication with legislators.

CV4 Updates

1. A new update for local install users is available and has been distributed by mail to all local version users. Users indicated that the installation discs have been received although not all have installed it yet.
2. There are a number of changes in the current update geared for improving data entry speed. The biggest change is a shift back to numerical entry for lists rather than pull-down menus.
3. A question was asked regarding multiple installations of CV4. If you have a need for multiple users, you should consult with DI to have a "server" version. With server versions, there is only one installation of the program onto a server. Users then access the application through a client on whichever computer they need to use.
4. Instructions for data transfer using CV4 have been disseminated through email. Overall, the data submission is much simpler and less error-prone than earlier data submission methods like the Command Center. However, the transfer process can run slowly at times. If you have greater than 200 cases annually, consider sending data monthly rather than quarterly in order to minimize the size of your submissions.

KTRS recommendations

You can find the recommendations and meeting minutes at the following URL:

<http://www.kstrauma.org/download/TraumaRSub103107.pdf>.

NTDB submissions for 2007 records

1. Facilities will be responsible for submitting their data to the NTDB because the American College of Surgeons (ACS) has decided not to allow 3rd party submissions.
2. All hospitals are welcome to submit data, but the ACS particularly encourages facilities with 100 records or more during the reporting year to submit.

3. To submit, begin an account on <http://www.ntdbdatacenter.com/>. After entering your facility information, Digital Innovation will provide you with an NTDB submission module called “Validator”. However, this module is not currently available—more specific instructions will be given at a later time.

Other issues discussed:

1. AIS 2005. Several facilities have requested to switch to AIS 2005 codes. Currently, Collector only supports the 1990/1998 codes. There are a number of differences between the two sets of codes, so switching will require coordination with the central site. At the current time the 2005 codes are not supported by Collector, although a module supporting the update will be forthcoming. More information will be available at a later date.
2. Submission deadlines for next year are the same as for this year and are available online: http://www.kstrauma.org/download/registry_qrtly_rpt_deadlines.pdf .
3. Users group meetings for 2008 will be at SRS Learning Center and are posted on the website: http://www.kstrauma.org/collector_usergrp.htm .
4. Current training needs were discussed – none identified.

Question and discussion

None.

Next meeting March 12, 2008, SRS Learning Center room E.

The meeting adjourned 1:50.