

- electronic, ideally clickable, links to radiology and pathology images and neurophysiology results.
- a fail-safe system for clinicians to reliably receive results of ordered tests electronically. With results arriving erratically and at unpredictable intervals, it is impossible for the clinician to chase results on all tests ordered. There are many examples of serious clinical incidents due to failure of results being fed back to clinicians. Previously, results were sent back to the clinician on paper. This is now haphazard, and a reliable system of returning results electronically to the clinician for action is essential for patient safety.
- Decent record keeping and updating of records is vital. This has been a major problem with paper notes. So often the paper notes fall into disarray in the hands of under-funded records departments. There is no inherent magic in an electronic system, and processes and resources will be required in order to keep these tidy. Clinicians should not be expected to take on this process without IT and administrative back-up.
- There must be an audit trail – records will no doubt be updated – and the responsible clinician must review who writes what and when, and be able to edit the information if necessary
- There is a need for sections to be printable and downloadable.
- Incorporation of downloadable information sheets, or web-links to patient information – and clinical information such as the BNF or current version of MIMS
- A system allowing the records to follow the patient from hospital to hospital linked to GP records.
- Clinical records should be person-based – independent of (that is, not determined by) location or clinician
- Records and the related structure and content standards should follow a patient through stages of care.
- There must be scope for 'pages' to be added and deleted. For example, do all users want a page on 'information given to patients' in the summary to the General Practitioner?
- The whole thing needs to be cleverly designed, like the very best websites, so it is easily navigated and amended.
- Patients should be involved at an early stage – but there is a danger of slowing down the process if too many parties are involved in formulating details of the records. We suggest that early patient involvement should focus on consent, access and the considerable ethical issues.
- We support the use of names, as well as numbers for identification, as this provides additional security and is less open to transcription errors.

The ABN will continue active involvement in the project and can offer a representative to champion this. We support the model of involving active clinicians, not just web designers who may need guidance in the aims and needs of the system that evolves. The ABN is well organised to seek consensus with consultants, to liaise with colleagues in Neurosurgery and Neurophysiology and (importantly) with trainees who write most in the electronic notes, as well as other health care professionals, such as neuroscience nurse practitioners. Some of our members already work in centres with electronic records and so have first-hand experience.

The Association of British Neurologists (ABN) looks forward to working with the Royal College of Physicians and others on standards for the structure and contents of health care records. We applaud the efforts to date, but emphasise the need for enough time and resources to implement these safely and correctly. ♦

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NOVEMBER

Functional Fascial Taping

9 November, 2009; Leicester, UK
www.physiouk.co.uk

MS Trust Conference

8-10 November, 2009; Kenilworth, Warwickshire
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Parkinson's Plus study day

9 November, 2009; Derby, UK
www.ncore.org.uk

Cervical Auscultation

10 November, 2009; Derby UK
T. 01332 254679,
www.ncore.org.uk

UKABIF Annual Conference: Developments in Acquired Brain Injury

11 November, 2009; London, UK
T. 01752 601318,
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www.ukabif.org.uk

University Classes in Multiple Sclerosis VI

11 November, 2009; Lisbon, Portugal
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Functional Fascial Taping

12 November, 2009; London, UK
www.physiouk.co.uk

European Charcot Foundation Symposium

"A new Treatment Era in Multiple Sclerosis"
12-14 November, 2009; Lisbon, Portugal
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Functional Fascial Taping

13 November, 2009; Winchester, UK
www.physiouk.co.uk

Functional Fascial Taping:

Make an instant difference to Pain & ROM in nearly any patient

14 November, 2009; Bristol, UK
www.physiouk.co.uk

Motivating the Unmotivated: helping 'difficult' patients

17 November-2009, Derby, UK
T. 01332 254679,
www.ncore.org.uk

Bringing down the Barriers - Translational

Medicine in Inherited Neuromuscular Diseases
17-19 November, 2009; Brussels, Belgium
E. stephen.lynn@ncl.ac.uk

Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust Seminar

18 November 2009; Liverpool, UK
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5th National Autism Today Conference

17-18 November, 2009; Edinburgh, UK
MA Healthcare Ltd,
T. 0207 501 6762,
www.mahealthcarevents.co.uk

6th International Congress on Vascular Dementia

19-22 November, 2009; Barcelona, Spain
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West of England Seminars in Advanced Neurology (WESAN)

19-20 November, 2009; Exeter, UK
www.aquavenuesolutions.com/wesan2009

Neurological Cancers Study Day

20 November, 2009; Middlesex, UK
Anni Hall, T. 01923 844177,
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Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust Seminar

20 November 2009; Milton Keynes, UK
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Be Activated Courses:

A unique NMS treatment technique
21-22 November, 2009; London, UK
www.physiouk.co.uk

Multidisciplinary Brain Tumour Study Day 2009

23 November, 2009; London, UK
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Complaints Management and Investigation

24 November-2009, Derby, UK
T. 01332 254679,
www.ncore.org.uk

Be Activated Courses: A unique NMS treatment technique

24-25 November, 2009; Manchester, UK
www.physiouk.co.uk

Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust Seminar:

"Measuring Outcomes of Rehabilitation at Fen House"

26 November 2009; Ely, UK
E. fh@birt.co.uk

Royal College of Physicians Of Edinburgh

Symposium: Neurology
27 November, 2009; Edinburgh, UK
www.rcpe.ac.uk/education/events/
neurology-nov-09.php,
E. Christina Gray, C.Gray@rcpe.ac.uk

9th Annual King's Neuromuscular Symposium

27 November, 2009; London, UK
T. 020 7848 5541/2,
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www.iop.kcl.ac.uk/events/?id=809

BSRM Conference:

The Work Agenda: from novice to expert
27 November 2009; Bristol, UK
T. 01249 814910,
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Be Activated Courses: A unique NMS treatment technique

28-29 November, 2009; Scotland, UK
www.physiouk.co.uk

RAatE 2009

30 November-1 December, 2009; Coventry, UK
http://www.hdti.org.uk/raate

DECEMBER

Posture & Balance in Neurological Conditions, lower limb, Qualified staff

1-2 December-2009, Derby, UK
T. 01332 254679,
www.ncore.org.uk

4th UK Stroke Forum Conference

1-3 December, 2009; Glasgow, UK
E. Helen.Chapman@stroke.org.uk

4th International Congress on Brain and Behaviour & 17th Thessaloniki Conference

3-6 December, 2009; Thessaloniki, Greece
T. 30 210 749 9353,
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Edinburgh Neuroscience Christmas Lecture

Stem Cells for Neurological Disorders - where now?
4 December, 2009; Edinburgh, UK
E. edinburgh.neuroscience@ed.ac.uk

Epilepsy Study day

4-December-2009; Derby, UK
T. 01332 254679,
www.ncore.org.uk

Attention & Information Processing: Advanced

Cognitive Rehabilitation Workshop
4-5 December, 2009; Gatwick airport, London, UK.
E. enquiries@braintretraining.co.uk
www.braintretraining.co.uk

10th Annual UK Movement Disorders Meeting

4-5 December, 2009; London, UK
E. neurology@boehringer-ingenelheim.com

63rd Annual Meeting of the American Epilepsy Society

4-8 December, 2009; Boston, USA
T. 860 586 7505,
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Anatomy and Mobilisation of Hands & Feet for Assistants
8 December, 2009; Derby, UK
T. 01332 254679
www.ncore.org.uk

2nd National Sleep Disorders Conference
10 December, 2009; London, UK
MA Healthcare Ltd,
T. 0207 501 6762,
www.mahealthcarevents.co.uk

Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust Seminar: "Specialist Brain Injury Rehabilitation – Is It Worth It?"
10 December 2009; Collumpton, UK
E. woodmill.admin@disabilities-trust.org.uk

Cambridge Dementia Course
10-11 December, 2009; Cambridge, UK
E. penny.pearl@btinternet.com

18th WFN World Congress on Parkinsons Disease & Related Disorders - WFN 2009
13-16 December, 2009; Miami, USA
Peter Sewell, T. 41-229-080-488,
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Cellular & Integrative Neuroscience Themed Meeting
14-16 December, 2009; Cardiff, UK
T. 020 7269 5715,
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www.physoc.org/meetings

2010

JANUARY

Development of the human neocortex
5-7 January 2010, Oxford, UK
E. g.j.clowry@ncl.ac.uk,
www.anatsoc.org.uk/events/event_details.php?id=115

Advances in Chronic Pain Management
21-22 January, 2010; London, UK
T. 020 7501 6768,
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3rd European Neurological Conference on Clinical Practices: Neurovascular and Neurodegenerative Diseases
22-24 January, 2010; Bucharest, Romania
T. 33 0 153 644 489,
E. alexandra.quetard@discovery-cascade.com

International Symposium on Protein Phosphorylation in Neurodegenerative Diseases
28-30 January 2010; Valencia, Spain
E. catedrasg@cac.es
www.fundacioncac.es/catedrasg

FEBRUARY

Neurological Futures: Speculation, Value and Promissory Hope in the Bioeconomy
5-6 February, 2010; Oxford, England
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12th National Dementias Conference
18-19 February, 2010; London, UK
E. conferences@markallengroup.co.uk

EDDP 2010 International Conference on Early Disease Detection and Prevention
25-28 February, 2010; Munich, Germany
www.paragon-conventions.com/eddp2010

1st European Traumatic Brain Injury Conference
24-27 February, 2010; Vienna, Austria
E. Dr Nikolaus Steinhoff,
nikolaus.steinhoff@hochegg.lknoe.at
tbi2010@medacad.org

Long-term (Neurological) End of Life Care Conference
25 February, 2010; London, UK
Mr Mark Baker,
T: 0208 780 4500 ext 5010,
E. mbaker@rhn.org.uk

www.rhn.org.uk/institute

3rd International Congress on Gait & Mental Function
26-28 February, 2010; Washington, USA
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www.kenes.com/gait

MARCH

The International Brain Injury Association's 8th World Congress on Brain Injury
March 10-14, 2010; Washington, DC, USA
E. congress@internationalbrain.org
www.internationalbrain.org

1st International Congress on Epilepsy, Brain & Mind
17-20 March, 2009; Prague, Czech Republic
Marcela Rajtorova,
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6th World Congress for NeuroRehabilitation
21-25 March, 2010; Vienna, Austria
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www.wcnr2010.org

20th Annual Rotman Research Institute Conference – The Frontal Lobes
22-26 March, 2010; Toronto, ON, Canada
Paula Ferreira,
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International Symposium on Disturbances of Cerebral Function Induced by Food and Water Contaminants
23-25 March, 2010; Valencia, Spain
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11th International Geneva/Springfield Symposium on Advances in Alzheimer Therapy
24-27 March, 2010; Geneva, Switzerland
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European Association of Neurosurgical Societies Annual Meeting (EANS 2010)
25-27 March, 2010; Groningen, Netherlands
T. 41 229 080 488,
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British Neuropsychological Society Spring Meeting
30-31 March, 2010; London, UK
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APRIL

62nd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology
10-17 April, 2010; Toronto, Canada
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6th European Conference on Comparative Neurobiology (ECCN6)
22-24 April, 2010; Valencia, Spain
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MAY

The 15th Euroacademia Multidisciplinary Neurotraumatologica Congress
7-9 May, 2010; Antalya, Turkey
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International Child Neurology Congress 2010 - ICNC 2010
7-10 May, 2010; Cairo, Egypt
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www.icnc2010.com

Association of British Neurologists Annual Meeting
11-14 May, 2010; Bournemouth, UK
E. karen.reeves@theabn.org

14th International Neuroscience and Biopsychiatry Conference "Stress and Behavior"
16-20 May, 2010; St. Petersburg, Russian Federation

3rd International Epilepsy Colloquium: Surgery of Extratemporal Lobe Epilepsy
19-22 May, 2010; Cleveland, OH, USA
T. 216 983 1239 / 800 274 8263,
E. medcme@case.edu

International Symposium on Usher Syndrome and Related Diseases
27-29 May, 2010; Valencia, Spain
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3rd International Congress on Neuropathic Pain (NeuPSIG 2010)
27-30 May, 2010; Athens, Greece
T. 41 229 080 488,
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JUNE

20th Meeting of the European Neurological Society
19-23 June, 2010; Berlin, Germany
www.ensinfo.org

JULY

7th International Congress on Neuroendocrinology
10-15 July, 2010; Rouen, France
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AUGUST

15th World Congress of Psychophysiology - the Olympics of the Brain - IOP2010
30 August-4 October, 2010; Budapest, Hungary
Mark Molnar,
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SEPTEMBER

XVIIth International Congress of Neuropathology
11-15 September, 2010; Salzburg, Austria
Brigitte Millán-Ruiz,
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Congress of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meeting
16-21 September, 2010; San Francisco, USA
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14th Congress of the European Federation of Neurological Societies (EFNS 2010)
25-28 September, 2010; Geneva, Switzerland
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2nd World Parkinson Congress
28 September-1 October, 2010; Glasgow, UK
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OCTOBER

AANEM Annual Scientific Meetings
6-9 October, 2010; Quebec City, Quebec, Canada
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World Stroke Congress
13-16 October, 2010; Seoul, Korea
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2010 Congress of the European Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis
13-16 October, 2010; Gothenburg, Sweden
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10th International Congress of Neuroimmunology
26-30 October, 2010; Barcelona, Spain
Francesca Mariani,
T. 39 0 65 193 499,
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EHMTIC 2010 - Migraine
October 28-31, 2010; Nice, France
www.ehmticongress2010.com

DECEMBER

The 7th International Congress on Mental Dysfunctions & Other Non-Motor features in Parkinson's Disease (MDPD 2010)
9-12 December, 2010; Barcelona, Spain
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MARCH

10th International Conference on Alzheimer's & Parkinson's Disease
9-13 March, 2011; Barcelona, Spain
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APRIL

63rd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology
9-16 April, 2010; Honolulu, HI
www.aan.com

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