Recent projects and presentations

Our review of published economic evaluations and other cost studies citing the 38 resource use measures listed in DIRUM as of August 2012 is now complete. The purpose of the review was to (i) provide evidence of how the measures were used in practices; (ii) investigate which items of resource use were most frequently dependent on patient recall; and (iii) compare estimates if more than one measure was used for the same item of resource.

Results were presented at the MRC Hubs for Trial Methodology Research 2nd Clinical Trials Methodology Conference held in Edinburgh, and as a poster at the 2013 Dublin ISPOR conference. A second poster reported the results of a systematic review of the validity and reliability of patient-reported resource use measures. Further details can be found here.

DIRUM also featured in the workshop on costing methods held at Oxford University in October.

Taxonomy for Resource Use Measures

In a previous edition of the newsletter we reported how we had reviewed the terms used for resource use questionnaires, logs and diaries in published HTA monographs. We found considerable lack of clarity on who did what, how, and to whom and devised a taxonomy. A paper on this has been accepted for publication in Health Economics and should appear in 2014 DOI: 10.1002/hec.3029

Please submit your resource use measure, diary, log or form.