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UNDERSTANDING P&R & TARIFF TASTER

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The aim of this toolkit is to give a basic understanding of how the tariff and trim points work with a worked exercise and actual patient examples.

It is intended to prompt clinicians to think about care packages and outcomes.

The data sampling guidelines enable a systematic study and verification of coding accuracy

BENEFITS OF THIS TOOLKIT

The danger of getting involved in the checking of data is that it will take over from the clinical perspective. The toolkit aims to avoid this by:

Engaging clinicians as well as managers

Encouraging a sampling approach to the checking of data

Encouraging the use of case study to raise useful commissioning queries

Unlike other downloadable versions, this tariff prints properly.

The full version of the toolkit is available free with the Bronze Membership.

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The tried and tested exercises in this toolkit have been used with groups of clinicians and practices.

The sorts of queries raised are both clinical and administrative.

One small practice found an error of £50,000 because high cost patients were charged to them when they had never been registered at the practice.

Clinicians queried what was being delivered within the HRG for a non-elective cemented hip replacement in which the trim point is 80 days.

Further queries were raised regarding a patient who had been admitted for less than a day for unstable angina. It was clear that, if this was the correct coding, the length of stay to resolve the problem should have been longer.

