



**Joint Advisory Group
on GI Endoscopy**

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Dear Chief executive,

We are writing on behalf of JAG to inform you of important updates to the Global Rating Scale (GRS) census which will impact on JAG accreditation relating to the introduction of the National Endoscopy Database from April 2018.

In the last 3 years, JAG, supported by key stakeholders, has been developing a system to make key endoscopy performance data available to endoscopists and services in a consistent format. This is achieved by automatically extracting data from hospital endoscopy reporting systems (ERS) into a central database (the National Endoscopy Database: NED). The NED working group have worked with the 7 main ERS companies to accomplish this.

This project provides a number of key benefits:

- Allows individual endoscopists to view their performance against local and national standards
- Enables trust or organisation leads to monitor procedural performance indicators and to easily compare performance against national benchmarks
- Significantly reduces the need for endoscopists to perform local audits, saving clinician time
- Provide detailed and accurate data for JAG assessors in preparation for JAG accreditation assessments, and will thus reduce the burden of local data collection
- Automatically captures trainee data, preventing the need for trainees to double-enter procedural data into JETS (JAG Endoscopy Training System)
- Supports service evaluation, endoscopy research and allows endoscopist performance to be reviewed across organisations.

The use of NED will underpin ongoing endoscopy quality assurance in the UK. Therefore, it is essential that trusts are using an endoscopy reporting system that is NED compliant. To reflect this, **from April 2018 all services will be required to meet the two measures (shown at the end of this letter) in order to meet GRS requirements and to maintain JAG accreditation.**

JAG has been working closely with Endoscopy Reporting System suppliers to ensure they have updated their systems to be NED compliant. The suppliers involved in the project and their progress towards being NED compliant are given below and are listed on the NED website - <http://ned.jets.nhs.uk/KPI/Default.aspx?ContentId=Suppliers>.

The NED working group and suppliers will support you to meet the new GRS measures noted above. If you are using one of these suppliers you should contact them to plan implementation*. If your endoscopy department does not use one of these systems please contact the JAG office (askjag@rcplondon.ac.uk).

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*To explain the processes involved to becoming an NED compliant site, please see the 'NED starter pack for services' - <http://ned.jets.nhs.uk/KPI/Default.aspx?ContentId=ServiceDocumentation>. We recommend that all endoscopy units proceed immediately with obtaining Caldicott approval.

We hope this letter is self-explanatory, but please get in touch if you or members of your team have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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JAG GRS measures to go live in April 2018

Measure	Level	Guidance
The Endoscopy Reporting System (ERS) in your service has been configured to record data required by the National Endoscopy Database (NED) and to be able to upload data into the NED and JAG Endoscopy Training System (JETS) e-portfolio.	C	<p>The NED is a project to automatically upload data from services' ERS to a central database. This will facilitate quality assurance and benchmarking at a national level. Individual users and services will be able to access their own performance data.</p> <p>All ERS manufacturers which are known to the JAG are engaged with the NED project. A list of these can be found below. If you have an alternative ERS provider, please provide details in the unit information section of the GRS census or contact askjets@rcplondon.ac.uk.</p> <p>To answer 'yes' to this measure the ERS used by your service must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be collecting the procedural data that is required by the NED • have the functionality to be able to upload data into the NED. <p>Attaining compliance will be facilitated by the ERS manufacturer and the NED project team in partnership with the service.</p>
The ERS in your service is providing routine, regular data uploads into the JAG NED and JETS e-portfolio.	B	<p>To answer 'yes' to this measure, the ERS used by your service must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide the necessary data to the NED and the data uploads from your service must be up to date.

Endoscopy reporting system suppliers involved in NED project

Endoscopy supporting system supplier	NED status
Aquilant (formerly Imotech medical)	Not compliant
EMIS (formerly Ascribe)	Not compliant
Endosoft	Not compliant
Infoflex	Not compliant
Medilogik	Compliant
Olympus	Not compliant
Unisoft Medical	Compliant
Endoscopy supporting system supplier	Not compliant

ERS NED compliance will be updated on the following webpage - <http://ned.jets.nhs.uk/KPI/Default.aspx?ContentId=Suppliers>.