



# Patient Classification Systems International



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The Patient Classification Systems International (PCSI) Newsletter is dedicated to communicating the latest developments in case mix issues to the international community and provides a forum for the discussion of case mix issues. In this issue, details of the upcoming annual case mix conference, recapping the recent case mix summer school plus more!



## The 23rd PCSI International Working Conference Venice Italy 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November

The 23rd PCSI International Working Conference is being held November 7th to 10th in beautiful Venice Italy. The conference setting is historic Palazzo del Casino, Lido Island. Additional conference details are available from the PCSI website and the conference website [www.pcsi2007.org](http://www.pcsi2007.org). Keynote speakers at the upcoming conference include:



Professor Peter C. Smith, Centre for Health Economics, University of York, *Composite Indicators of performance: statistical properties and incentive effects.*

Professor Barbara Starfield, Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, *Case Mix, Primary Care and 'Specialty Care'.*



Dr. Carlo Liva, Agenzia Nazionale per I Servizi Sanitari, Rome, *Continuity of care: how to measure it.*

### Important Conference Dates:

- September 8<sup>th</sup>—Early-bird Conference Registration Deadline
- October 8<sup>th</sup>—Presenters' Registration Deadline

### Topics of parallel sessions include:

- Case Mix and Health Insurance
- Nursing and Case Mix
- Cost Calculation and Cost Weights
- Risk Adjustment

- Ambulatory Case Mix
- Case Mix and Primary Health Care
- Case Mix and Quality Assurance
- International Comparisons
- Non-Acute Case Mix

### Pre-conference Workshops—FREE!!

Pre-conference workshops are provided free-of-charge to PCSI members as a service of the PCSI organization by a panel of internationally experienced instructors.

- Statistical Methods With Applications to DRG Analysis
- A Discussion of Ambulatory Case Mix Systems
- Long-Term Care Conditions
- Exploring Case Mix Applications Beyond the Hospital Bed

→ **Pre-register early to ensure a spot** ←

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## Case Mix Summer School - June 2007

The PCSI and Service de Santé Publique et d'Information Médicale (France) successfully staged the 2007 International Case Mix Summer School in historical Avignon, France, the 11th to 15th of June. Continuing the previously successful summer schools held in Italy, this years' venue was the medieval Palais des Papes. Under the direction of Dr. Jean Marie Rodrigues (pictured centre) with assistance from Nathalie Durand, an internationally represented faculty reviewed case mix concepts, economic principles and incentives of case mix funding, case mix design, DRG analysis, international developments (and comparisons) and non-acute care case mix.



## Research Corner

This volume's research focus is *inpatient psychiatric case mix*, which is often referred to mental health case mix. In the North America, much research is being conducted into this important component of hospital activity; economic and policy issues are being considered in the development of prospective payment systems. Several recent articles discussing the issues, datasets and assessment instruments are worth noting for those working in the area.

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Prospective payment for Medicare inpatient psychiatric care: assessing the alternatives. Cotterill, P.G. and Thomas, F. G. (2004). *Health Care Financing Review*, Fall 2004, Volume 26, Number 1, pages 85-101.

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Patient casemix classification for Medicare psychiatric prospective payment. Drozd, E.M., Cromwell, J., Gage, B., Maier, J., Greenwald, L.M. and Goldman, H.H. (2006). *American Journal of Psychiatry*, Volume 163, Number 4, pages 724-732.

A system for classification of inpatient psychiatry (SCIPP): a new case mix methodology for mental health. Hirdes et al. (2002). Joint Policy and Planning Committee, Toronto, Canada.

If you have regional conference dates, case mix developments or publications you wish to share with the case mix community in the next version of this newsletter, please contact Jason M. Sutherland at: [pcsi.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:pcsi.newsletter@gmail.com)