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Version History

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Name: GUI025-PCR Edition 5 Differences Guide		
Version	Date	Details
1	May 2007	Created for publication of PCR edition 2
2	March 2011	Revised for publication of PCR edition 3
3	May 2019	Revised for publication of PCR edition 5
		Changed title to Differences Guide

What are the differences between PCR Edition 4 and Edition 5?

The PHECC Patient Care Report (PCR) and PCR Information Standard have both undergone a significant review, in line with the publication of Clinical Practice Guidelines – 2017 Edition (Updates 2018). The review was carried out by the Quality and Safety Committee, Medical Advisory Committee and approved by PHECC Council in 2018.

We have prepared this summary of the modifications you will see in PCR Edition 5.

Incident Information		
Inter Facility Patient	In line with changes to Inter Facility Patient Transfer Standards the	
Transfer	following data is now required:	
Clinical Escort	Complete as follows: New addition: Tick box entry: Select Yes or No, if Yes is selected tick "Vehicle Crew Clinical Level" as appropriate - AP, P, EMT, FAR	
Clinical Escort	Select Yes or No, if Yes is selected tick "Clinical Level" as appropriate – MP/RN/M Tick box entry: Select Yes or No, if Yes is selected tick "Clinical Level" as appropriate – MP/RN/M	
Non-Clinical Escort	Tick box entry: • Select Yes or No, if Yes is selected tick "Non-Clinical Escort identity" as appropriate – Healthcare assistant, family member, Other, Free text	
Destination	New addition of Eircode	
Practitioner Attend/ Support/ Other	New addition of Health Service Provider Identifier (HSPI)	
Verification of Death (VOD)	The decision taken by a PHECC registered Paramedic or Advanced Paramedic, in the pre-hospital environment, that a person has died, life is extinct and the documentation of this decision.	
	Complete as follows:	
	New addition:	
	Tick box entry:	
	Verification of DeathExpected Death	
	Obvious Dead Body	
	Control Contacted	
	Time of Death Verified – Hour and Minute	
	Sudden/Unexpected Death	
	Verification of Death Record Completed	



Palliative Care (PC)	Palliative Care services for patients with a known advanced and life-	
	limiting illness who are currently receiving palliative care services at	
	home.	
	Complete as follows:	
	New addition:	
	<u>Tick box entry:</u>	
	PC Services at Home	
	Medication Directive in place	
	Completed PCR copy left at scene	
	 Known advanced progressive and life limiting illness 	
	Specialist PC Team/GP Contacted	
	DNR order in place	
Incident Location	New addition:	
	Tick box entry:	
	Healthcare Facility	
	Eircode	
Nature of Assistance Prior	New addition:	
to Arrival of Practitioner	Tick box entry:	
	First Aid Response (FAR)	
Clinical Level	New addition:	
	Tick box entry:	
	• FAR/OFA	

Patient Information		
Patient Information	New addition:	
	 Title – Mr, Mrs, Ms, Other Individual Health Identifier (IHI) Eircode Medical Council Registered Number (MCRN) 	



	Clinical Information		
Clinical Impression	New addition: Tick box entry:		
	Cardiac • STEMI		
	Respiratory		
	 Respiratory Distress 		
	Sepsis		
	• Sepsis		
	Severe/Septic Shock		
	General		
	Acute Intoxication		
Mechanism of Injury	New addition:		
	Tick box entry:		
	Stabbing		
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	Vital Observations
National Early Warning Score	Score to be entered as per patient assessment in line with CPGs 2017 Edition (updated 2018).
Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS)	Score to be entered as per patient assessment in line with CPGs 2017 Edition (updated 2018). Eye opening:
FAST Assessment	New addition boxes to collect Time assessment carried out.



Medication Treatment		
Medication Treatment	New addition of HSPI	

	Care Management
Care Management	Care Management New addition: Tick box entry: Cardiac Support PCI Centre Contacted – Yes/No/PIN Cardiologist - MCRN Accepted - Yes Declined - Yes Haemorrhage Control Haemostatic Dressing Wound Closure Other Motion Restriction Vacuum Mattress Split Stretcher Sepsis Bundle Miscellaneous Other – PIN/MCRN Removed:
	 Active Cooling Impedance Threshold Device Extrication Device Log Roll Orthopaedic Stretcher Minor Injury Treatment Naso-Gastro Tube



Continuity of Care		
Care Management	New addition:	

Additional Information/ Receiving Staff Signature		
Care Management	Additional Information divided into two sections:	Ja
Receiving Staff Signature	New addition of HSPI	NA

Out-Of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest		
Out-of-Hospital Cardiac	Revision of category of persons who:	
Arrest	Witnessed collapse	
	Commenced chest compressions	
	First applied defibrillator pads	
	Delivered first shock	
	 Achieved return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) 	
	Inclusion of:	
	 Reason for chest compressions not commenced 	
	 Dispatch aided chest compressions 	
	Mechanical device used	
	Time first rhythm analyses	
	 Rhythm prior to defibrillation 	
	Did re-arrest occur	
	 Record of signature/PIN/HSPI for CFR report handover (revised from CFR Report – Yes/No) 	



Declined Treatment and/or Transport Revision of criteria in line with related CPG's and Assisted Decision-Making Capacity Act 2015. Complete as per tick box Yes/No entries and two practitioners to record PHECC Register PINs and report to EMS Control Centre. A person lacks of capacity to make a decision if he or she is unable to: Understand the information relevant to the decision Retain the information long enough to make a voluntary choice Use or weigh that information as part of the process of making

the decision, or

 Communicate decision by any means (including sign Language/ assistive technology) or if the implementation of the decision requires the act of a third party

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