

Renewed call to enter data on the HPB database

AUGIS member and consultant surgeon David Berry is renewing his call for members to use the AUGIS HPB cancer resection database.

The AUGIS HPB cancer resection database was launched in September 2009. Since then some individuals and units have entered data consistently and there are now more than 500 patients on the database

However, Mr Berry would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to enter data on to the AUGIS HPB cancer resection database by logging in and using their password. Anyone who doesn't have login details or a password please contact Ardeo on lad@ardeo.com or call 0870 909 4100.

Mr Berry says: 'I appreciate that entering data on to the AUGIS database may necessitate dual data entry at the present time if you are also collecting data on to a local database. Dual data entry can be circumnavigated, either by giving your login/ID to another person so that they can enter the data on your behalf (it is important that the data is tracked directly to you to allow for analysis in the future) or you may be in a position to liaise either with your Trust/Cancer Network to employ Ardeo to write the software necessary to allow you to upload your own local data to the AUGIS database.

'We are actively seeking funding to facilitate methods of automated electronic transfer of data. In addition, we are discussing with the Royal College of Surgeons in order that we may link the database to the college

portfolio/logbook to facilitate revalidation/recertification in the future.

'I appreciate the difficulties of data entry amid busy work schedules but national audit data collection would appear to be the way of the future. We have a dataset based on an extensive literature review and the data fields take just a few minutes to complete on line in a click box format. I would encourage you to enter data and look forward to seeing the database expand.'

At this year's AUGIS meeting will be in Oxford in early September there will be an Audit presentation to include details of surgeons/units who have been entering data.

Anyone with any questions can contact Mr Berry at david.berry@uhl-tr.nhs.uk or call 07977 453519.