



# Patient Classification Systems International



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## ***Inaugural Newsletter!***

Welcome to the first issue of the Patient Classification Systems International Newsletter. This newsletter is dedicated to communicating developments in case mix issues worldwide.

## **Singapore Case Mix Conference**

The 22nd Case Mix Conference was held in beautiful Singapore at the Pan Pacific Hotel. This annual event was a huge success with over 300 international participants in attendance.

The keynote addresses were given by Dr. Chien Earn Lee of

Singapore and Professor John Kimberley, who described the historical development of diagnosis related groups (DRG). The 3 day conference saw presentations from many countries, including new attendees from South-East Asia, and included the gala dinner at the historic Raffles hotel. Other popular conference themes included: Ambulatory Case Mix Developments, Acute Inpatient Case Mix and Cost Weight Calculation.



*The Merlion, Singapore's half-fish, half-lion, guards the entrance of the Singapore River. Photo taken by Norman Tam.*

## **Case Mix Conferences**

### **The 23rd Annual Case Mix Conference**

#### **Venice Italy**

7th to 10th November 2007

Watch the PCSE website for abstract deadlines. Submit your abstract and start planning your trip!

#### **Germany**

Nationales DRG-Forum plus  
in Berlin am 19. und 20. April 2007

#### **Case Mix Summer School**

An annual event, the Case Mix Summer School provides an opportunity to learn the basics of case mix. Held over a one week period in June, the intensive sessions delivered from international faculty introduce practicing professionals and students to basic case mix measurement, design and implementation issues. Advanced issues are also explored later in the week, borrowing from instructors' experience. Watch the website for more details.



*Rialto Bridge in Venice, Italy.*

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## History of Patient Classifications International

Patient Classification Systems International, PCSI (formerly known as PCSE), was first formed as a network of researchers and users of the case mix, representing health care administrators, government agencies, payors and academia. At first, the definition of case mix was limited to the description of clinically similar patient types in the context of hospital payment with diagnosis related groups, DRGs. Interests of members have expanded to include clustering and grouping techniques of clinical and administrative data for health care management and financing. PCSI has now evolved to become the only worldwide organization addressing acute and non-acute hospital case mix issues. The PCSI's annual international conference has successfully brought together a growing number of active participants from all over the world. The non-profit organization now consists of over 300 people from 5 continents.

## Case Mix Resources

For the latest information and publications on prospective payment developments for the United States, please visit the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) website. MedPAC is an organization which advises the Congress on issues involving Medicare. Publications and reports are organized by research areas and can be found at the following link:

<http://www.medpac.gov/researchareas/researchlinks.cfm>

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Accounting for the Cost of Health Care in the United States (McKinsey Global Institute): [http://www.mckinsey.com/mgi/rp/healthcare/accounting\\_cost\\_healthcare.asp](http://www.mckinsey.com/mgi/rp/healthcare/accounting_cost_healthcare.asp)

Updates on UK case mix: <http://www.ic.nhs.uk/casemix>

## Research Corner

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## Updates and Ideas!

If you have updates to share, or interesting research you wish to contribute to the next version of this newsletter, please contact Jason Sutherland at: [pcsi.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:pcsi.newsletter@gmail.com)

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