



# Patient Classification Systems International



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## ***The PCS-I Newsletter Continues!***

The Patient Classification Systems International Newsletter is dedicated to communicating the latest developments in case mix issues worldwide.

### ◆ ◆ ◆ Case Mix Community Updates ◆ ◆ ◆

- PCS-I Case Mix conference details finalized
- International Casemix Summer School location and program finalized



*Rialto Bridge in Venice, Italy.*

## **The 23rd PCSI International Working Conference**

### *Case Mix and Continuity of Care*

The 23rd PCSI International Working Conference is being held November 7th to 10th in beautiful Venice Italy . The keynote speakers are: Dr Barbara Starfield, (Johns Hopkins School of Public Health) *Multi-morbidity and equity in health: the importance of case-mix adjustment* and Carlo Liva (Agenzia Nazionale per I Servizi Sanitari, Rome) *Continuity of care: how to measure it*. The conference setting is historic Palazzo Del Cinema, Lido Island. Complete conference details are available at [www.pcsi2007.org](http://www.pcsi2007.org). Important conference dates are:

- 31 May Abstract Deadline
- 30 June Abstract Acceptance Notification
- 8 September Manuscript Early Bird Deadline

Incentives to complete manuscripts! For papers submitted and presented at the conference, the Francesca Repetto prize will be awarded to the author(s) of the paper advancing case mix methods while the CaseMix Innovation Prize, will be awarded to the author(s) who demonstrate the development, and application, of tools for casemix measurement. See conference website for details.

**[www.pcsiinternational.org](http://www.pcsiinternational.org)**



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## Case Mix Summer School

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PCSI and Service de Santé Publique et d'Information Médicale (France) present the 2007 International Case Mix Summer School. The summer school will be held in historical Avignon, Provence France, **11th to 15th June**. The summer school continues the previously successful summer schools held in Italy. This years' venue of the school is medieval Palais des Papes (Popes palace) and Cita Del Vaticano. For more details, see the website: [www.pcsinternational.org](http://www.pcsinternational.org).

Summer school sessions include: principles of DRG systems, health economic issues and case mix funding, quality of care and case mix funding, data quality and case mix and non-acute case mix funding. Summer school faculty are drawn from around the world and include representatives of academia, government and the health care industry.

The Summer school organising secretariat is: SSPIM CHU Saint Etienne 42 650 Saint Jean Bonnefonds (France) tel +33477127974, fax +33477127260, e-mail [SSPIMsecretariat@chu-st-etienne.fr](mailto:SSPIMsecretariat@chu-st-etienne.fr). Contact: Nathalie Durand.

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## Research Corner

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This volume's focus is *inpatient psychiatric 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, and mental health data, are worth noting for those working in the area.

Developing a Medicare prospective payment system for inpatient psychiatric care. Judith R Lave (2003). *Health Affairs*, volume 22, number 5, pages 97-109.

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.

Changes in mental health financing since 1971: implications for policymakers and patients. Frank, R. G. and Glied, S. (2006). *Health Affairs*, Volume 25, Number 3, pages 601-613.

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.

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