

## **AGUM IT group:** **Outline of duties**

The AGUM committee set up an GU Medicine IT working group on 25 January 2002.

The remit is to:

- Provide a **common resource** to assist all AGUM members with implementation of IT solutions in their various clinical situation. Examples would include advice on integrating pathology and clinic systems, updating the working statement on confidentiality, and developing standards for GUM-specific Electronic Patient Records.
- Liaise with **national providers** of GU-and sexual health specific clinical software to stimulate development of existing products. This could take several forms, from pooling of knowledge via bulletin boards, to ensuring the user groups become more effective, to arranging a half-day or one day conference so that all the major providers can meet with and exchange ideas with practising clinicians.
- To stimulate a **vision** for IT-based solutions in sexual health care, by sharing good practice in provision of information via the web and exploring innovative ways of communicating with prospective and actual patients.

### **Method of working**

- Initial meeting on Fri 13 September at St George's, London.
- Thereafter by use of the new bulletin board on the AGUM website, e-mail and occasional meetings once-twice a year.
- No formal membership - anyone with interest or skill or ideas would be free to participate.
- Informal ideas would be disseminated by AGUM website with possible links to the MSSVD website. Examples would include brief 'How to Do It ' articles in the 'Filing Cabinet' about integration of pathology and clinic systems, and links to clinic websites and patient info websites members have developed.
- Any formal reports or findings could be disseminated by input into AGM meeting and MSSVD annual meetings (following on from Richard Lau's successful IT demonstrations).

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