



GSF Digital Solutions

Can be used to support you to identify End Of Life Care patients in your practice making it easier to do the right thing for all your patients

GSF Digital Solutions supports you to improve end of life care for your patients, using your existing IT systems, to make it easier to implement next stage GSF or 'Going for Gold' in your practice. It does this by:

1. **Earlier alerting & identifying** of patients and using the e-PIG electronic Proactive Identification Guidance
2. This leads to better populating of your practice's **Palliative Care/GSF Register** and thereby the **Locality Registers or ePaCCS**, to improve information sharing across settings as recommended
3. This **triggers key actions** at key times - using needs based coding and Traffic light reports for your multi-disciplinary meetings to ensure the right things are done for the right patient at the right time
4. **Helps you achieve your QOF QI End Of life Care module**

The GSF e-PIG can only be commissioned by groups of more than 10 practices, Localities / CCGs or PCN.

Why is GSF Digital Solutions helpful to you?

- Helps recognise and **identify 1%** patients nearing the end of life
- Helps you **improve** your identification rate for your register
- Helps **populate** your practice/Locality Register/ePaCCS
- Use your **existing** software to deliver better care
- Collect **evidence** to demonstrate QI EOLC planning
- Supports your **progress** with GSF Going for Gold training

What does it improve?

- Earlier alerting of vulnerable patients nearing the end of life
- Reduces unnecessary admissions through proactive care planning
- Better use of register/ePaCCS – more of the right patients
- No more cut-and-paste between applications/double data entry
- Track delivery of triggered actions through Needs Based Coding and GSF Proactive Needs Support Plan



Earlier alerting with ePIG - Electronic Proactive Identification Guidance

What ePIG does

- Helps identify patients earlier for consideration
- Uses the GSF **Proactive Identification Guidance**
- Find gaps in electronic record keeping

What are the benefits?

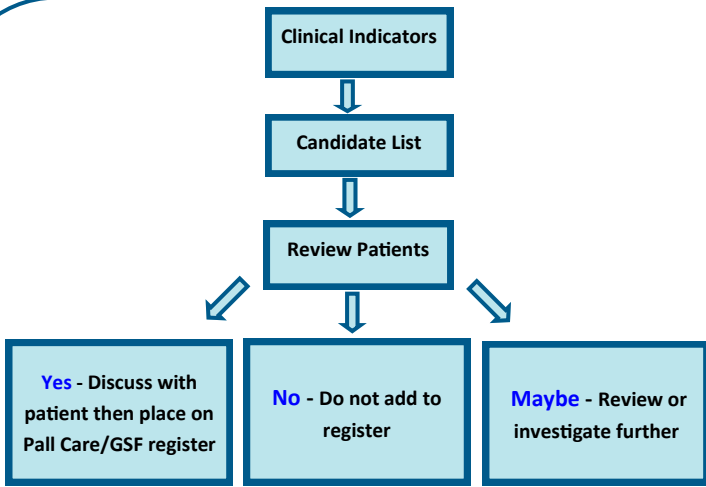
- Improved recognition of frail/vulnerable patients
- Early assessment of needs
- Fewer crises and better quality of care

"We have used ePIG in our practice with great success and I have discovered patients eligible for the register that I had not previously recognised. I believe the use of ePIG will increase these numbers further and I am excited about the potential of this tool."

Dr Peter Nightingale, GP, Lancaster



How does ePIG work to identify 1% of your patients?

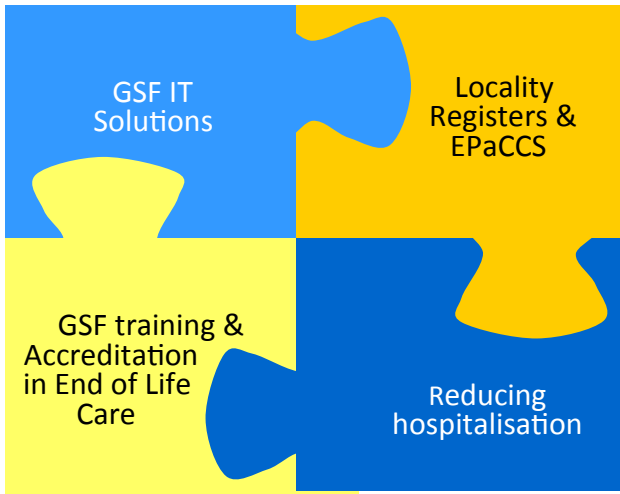


- Use of e-PIG produces a candidate list – about 5%
- The GP and healthcare professionals make a clinically based decision whether to place patients on the register from the candidate list - the 1-2% list
- When the doctor is not sure, the patient remains on the candidate list and regularly reviewed
- It is recommended best practice that there is a discussion with the patient and their family before being added to the register/EPaCCS

EMIS Number	Patient Details/ Full Name	Date of Birth	Code Term	Date	Read Code	Indicator	Usual GP	Add to GSF	Don't Add to GSF
2222	Doe, John	15/04/1965	Chronic lymphoid leukaemia Bronchiectasis	13-May-13 12-Apr-13	B641 H34	Cancer Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	KK KK		
1111	Doe, Jane	03/12/1964	Chronic lymphoid leukaemia Fatigue Tired all the time	13-May-13 12-Apr-13 11-Mar-13	B641 1683 1683	Cancer Frailty Physical decline	SI SI SI		
5555	Nother, Alan	07-Mar-23	Acute Heart Failure	07-May-13	G582	Chronic Heart Failure	SI		

Information sharing - Locality Registers EPaCCS (Electronic Palliative Care Systems)

Triggers - GSF Traffic Light Report
Used during team meetings to review patients and make best use of clinical time



What are the benefits ?

- Patients**
- More appropriate care
 - Patient wishes fulfilled
 - Better coordinated care
- Clinicians**
- Demonstrate your improvement for QOF End of Life Care QI
 - Early alerting of frail/vulnerable patients
 - Effective palliative care meetings
 - Easy review of patients on register by full care team - more proactive care
- Commissioners** - Reduce hospitalisation, improve identification, care and support for EOLC patients

How GSF IT helps the use of EPaCCS

- **GSF ePIG** promotes early identification of patients to be added to locality register/EPaCCS
- **GSF eForms** can be used to make it easier by triggering key actions using needs support coding and prompts
- **GSF Traffic Lights Reports** make it easier for care teams to use the locality register and keep it complete and up to date

What is in the Report?

- All patients on the palliative care/GSF register
- Recent deaths
- Needs based colour codes to trigger the right action at the right time
- Summary of care plan
- Enables easy audit and analysis

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