



ISQUA LONDON WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 1400-1500hrs

Title: Workshop on the evaluation of Clinical Pathways

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Objective:

Clinical / Care Pathways are used worldwide to (re)organise care processes. Although they are in use since the mid 1980's, still a lot of confusion exists about the concept, the methods used to develop and implement pathways and about their effectiveness. During this workshop, these board members of the European Pathway Association (www.E-P-A.org) will focus on the evaluation of pathways from 3 different points of view (the pathway document, the organisation of the care process and the measurement of the effect by using indicators).

Session outline (including time schedule, total time 55 minutes):

0-5 min: Introduction of the speakers

5-15 min: Introduction on Clinical / Care Pathways

15-25 min: Focus 1: The evaluation of the care pathway document using the Integrated Care Pathway Appraisal Tool (Whittle et al, 2004)

25-35 min: Focus 2: The evaluation of the organisation of the care process using the Clinical Pathways Self Evaluation Tool (Vanhaecht et al, 2006)

35-45 min: Focus 3: The evaluation of the effect of the care pathway (case study on heart failure) (Panella et al, 2006)

45-60 min: Questions & Answers