

# Guidance For Use of Clinical Care Pathway ODFS<sup>®</sup> Pace V1.0 Doc.V1.2

The **Handling Profile** was previously located at the back of the Pathway Document and as a result was not at the forefront of clinician's minds when commencing an appointment. It has been brought to the front and in Salisbury will be completed at the Initial Assessment and updated as appropriate.

The **Equipment Purchase/Loan Form** is an inventory that is essential to keep track of equipment issued to patients and when it is replaced or repaired. It may assist a clinician in identifying whether the equipment has been loaned (as part of a package of funding) or has been purchased by the individual). All changes to the list should be documented along with the serial number.

Note that the **Patient Contract** has been updated to clarify their responsibility for loss or accidental damage. Current costs of repairs replacements are updated by OML and will be available either on the OML Intranet, or through Customer Services for External Clinicians. Print off and laminate a copy to help you communicate with patient in clinic.

The new **Pathway Document** has been adapted to enable necessary information to be documented in relation to the use of the following:

- Wireless Footswitch(s)
- Leg cuff (s)
- Two ODFS<sup>®</sup> Pace Stimulators

Significant changes in the patient's social, medical or clinical history should be noted in **the Patients Notes Record** in database section of the patient notes.

Goal Attainment Scale section remains the same and advice for completion is available in knowledge base section of the OML website.

An **Equipment Check** should be performed at each appointment, as the malfunctioning of a stimulator, lead or footswitch could lead to a fall:

Sockets should grip the jack or shroud connection. This can be tested by gently pulling in and out the connector from the socket. Ensure that a loose connection is not caused by the lead by checking with a new jack or shroud.

Footswitches should be replaced when they do not trigger reliably (test by removing from shoe and testing with your fingers (disconnect output first and turn sounder on !!) or when they are delaminated.

Gently move the Pace up and down in your hand (don't shake). If there is a rattle or movement is felt, the battery may be loose in the compartment. If so a temporary solution is to gently lift out the metal tags inside the battery compartment. The stimulator will however require a replacement foam block to hold out the tags.

**Software (SW) Versions** of equipment are introduced periodically to improve performance and should be documented at each appointment to help identify which equipment should be upgraded. A Guide to OML software updates can be downloaded from the website (Forms and Downloads) and we will identify changes in Newsletters and Bulletins.

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**Leg Circumference Measurements** are required for fitting the Leg Cuff (see user guide). It is important to document the **Leg strap Length** so that if a patient orders a new one, the measurement can be used to set up the new strap to the correct length before dispatch. We recommend drawing out the shape of the leg cuff on a blank piece of paper and including this in the notes to avoid confusion over how the measurement was taken.

The **Continuation Sheet** has been removed from the Pathway as it did not facilitate effective communication or contemporaneous recording of information. Instead use a **Clinical/Patient Update** slip to record telephone conversations, identify e-mails and letters received (filed in notes ) and short unplanned patient visits. These slips can be completed with appropriate patient/clinician ID and filed contemporaneously in Pathway and again can be downloaded from the website (Forms and Downloads).

**Numeric Rating Scale (NRS)** replaces Visual Analogue Scale, to reflect how we interact with patients when we collect data in Salisbury.

The **Discharge Summary** page has been removed from the back of the Pathway as in the past there have been multiple Pathway documents in patients notes and it has not been clear where to look for the summary. In Future it will be a separate sheet filed in the front of the database section of the patient notes.