

## interRAI NZ Governance Board

# Position Statement on the presentation of interRAI assessment information

### Background

#### *interRAI international*

As an organisation, interRAI maintains high standards for the quality of measures used in interRAI instrument systems. Each interRAI tool represents the results of rigorous research and testing to establish the reliability and validity of items, outcome measures, assessment protocols, case-mix algorithms and quality indicators.

interRAI strives to increase the effectiveness of interRAI tools through cross-national research and development activities.

interRAI actively pursues partnerships with organisations and governments who have or wish to adopt the tools. Use of the tools is permitted only by written license with interRAI.

The individual items (the questions) within an interRAI assessment tool are subject to copyright.

The scales, algorithms and case-mix measures based on interRAI assessment instruments are not subject to copyright and are available to all.

Noncommercial users (e.g., governments, care providers, or researchers) are generally granted a royalty-free license. Licensing by commercial users (including software vendors) usually requires royalty payments for use of interRAI intellectual property. Revenues are used solely for research purposes.

Commercial licenses usually pertain to individual instruments and countries. Software vendors are usually required to:

- develop methods to sublicense the interRAI instruments to users;
- imbed export routines in their software to enable data-sharing, including with interRAI;
- implement user reports for scales and other algorithms;
- avoid mounting interRAI licensed products on the open web.

#### *interRAI New Zealand*

The Ministry of Health holds the national unlimited user license for the use of all interRAI assessment tools in New Zealand.

The Ministry of Health have purchased and manage a contract with Momentum Healthware Ltd to provide a single software system for interRAI assessments in New Zealand. The software has an

unlimited user license which permits the software to be available to users at no further cost to that user.

As interRAI becomes increasingly interoperable with other software systems, interRAI information is likely to be presented to health or social care professionals via software other than that provided by the licensed New Zealand provider.

## **interRAI NZ Governance Board Position on the presentation of interRAI assessment information**

The interRAI NZ Governance Board (the Board) supports the expansion and further development of the interoperability of interRAI with a range of systems across the wider health and social sector.

The Board supports the description of interRAI assessment information as information that has been derived from an interRAI comprehensive clinical assessment<sup>1</sup>

The Board supports the use of a single software platform for interRAI assessment information

The Board supports interRAI assessment information (with appropriate levels of confidentiality) to be available to a wide range of health and social care professionals at the point of care delivery.

The Board expects that all software vendors who present interRAI assessment information ensure the interRAI copyright is clearly visible.

The Board expects that interRAI assessment information is presented in an appropriate context to enable and support valid decisions about an individual persons care or for population planning.

The Board expects that all software vendors will in the majority of cases present interRAI assessment information in its entirety to health and social care professionals, in line with the requirements of our interRAI licence.

The Board expects that where certain components of the assessment are presented with other information in a more tailored report to health and social care professionals, that these reports are validated with health and social care professionals knowledgeable about interRAI.

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<sup>1</sup> Except screening assessments such as the Contact Assessment or Emergency Department Screeners.