

Incorporating patient reported outcome measures into activity based funding systems

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Activity based funding systems have succeeded in rewarding hospitals that perform more activity but have struggled to reward higher quality care. This is partly because of the lack of routine information in most countries about the impact that hospital treatment has on patient outcomes. Since 2009 England has been collecting and using patient reported outcome measures (PROMs) as part of its ABF system. In this talk I discuss how PROMs can be incorporated in ABF systems with reference to the English experience. I also describe how prospective patients can use PROMs to assess how they are likely to feel after surgery.