



Sharing ideas and expertise to improve practice together

## Emergency Care Community of Practice Newsletter

### One minute EC CoP survey – an opportunity to have your say

This survey will help to identify the areas you consider to be important to 'close evidence practice gaps' in Emergency Care. To complete the survey follow the link ([Link to survey](#)).



### Follow up teleconference - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2006

**Topic:** What does the community consider the future topics of focus for EC CoP should be?

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**Details:** 1800 200 232 - pin number 0113 (NZ 0800 170 223, same pin number)

Find out what the results of the EC CoP survey are and discuss the future topics EC CoP can focus on 'to close evidence practice gap' in emergency care. We are keen to keep in touch with what is important and relevant, please join the call and let us know.

### What's new - Emergency Care Guideline Resource

A new resource has been developed and placed on the Emergency Community of Practice web page that provides links to best available guidelines on common emergency care presentations. The document is large and is intended to be an electronic resource; containing hyperlinks to the guidelines and related information where possible. We would welcome any feedback on the document eg, Do you like the format? Is it easy to use? Has enough information been provided?

### Websites and Articles of Interest

#### Latest Bestbets (from May 2006)

- Delivery of bronchodilators in acute asthma in children ([Link to bestbet](#))
- Beta-agonists with or without anti-cholinergics in the treatment of acute childhood asthma? ([Link to bestbet](#))
- Lorazepam or diazepam in paediatric status epilepticus ([Link to bestbet](#))

#### Latest Cochrane Reviews

New Cochrane Reviews from the latest issue of the Cochrane Library have been added to the Emergency Care National Electronic Library of Health UK (NeLH) including:

- Antibiotics for exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease ([Link to review](#))
- Oral antibiotics versus parenteral antibiotics for severe pneumonia in children ([Link to review](#))
- Thrombolytic therapy for pulmonary embolism ([Link to review](#))

#### New Guidelines

- Ankle sprain. Developed by Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI); Mar 2006 ([Link to NGC summary](#))
- Assessment and management of acute pain. Developed by Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI); Mar 2006 ([Link NGC summary](#))
- Diagnosis and initial treatment of ischemic stroke. Developed by Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI); Feb 2006 ([Link NGC summary](#))



**For more information, links and resources please visit the [Emergency Care Community of Practice webpage](#)**

**NICS Symposium Using Evidence: Using Guidelines**  
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