



Sharing ideas and expertise to improve practice together

Emergency Care Community of Practice Newsletter

Emergency Care 'Closing Gaps' Nursing grants

Grants are now being offered to nurses to undertake a project to improve the use of evidence in Australian emergency care practice, and to develop expertise in evidence implementation. Applications close Monday 30 October, 2006. For more information link to the [Emergency Care Closing Gaps Grants](#) page.

Is there a gap in Emergency Care Pain Management?

Appropriate management of pain in emergency care was identified as the next area of focus for EC CoP. The first phase of this work will be to conduct a national audit to identify current practice against the recommendations in the Emergency Department section of the NHMRC endorsed guidelines '*Acute Pain Management: Scientific Evidence*'. For more information visit the [EC CoP pain management](#) page.

'Evidence into Action' Prize winner

Tomas Raton, *Paediatric CNC, Northern Rivers Area Health Service NSW* was the winner of the 'NICS Evidence into Action Prize' at the College of Emergency Nursing Australasia (CENA) conference held in Hobart in August 2006. Read his abstract on the EC CoP '[Stories of Improvement](#)' page.

Join Tomas on the next teleconference to discuss the use of the forcing rule for dehydration in children, Wednesday 27 September 2006. Dial 1800 200 232 and enter 0113 at the prompt.

EC CoP PhD Research Study; Interviewees needed!

Tonia Bruhn, *NICS-RMIT Scholar*, is about to begin the first phase of data collection to understand how a 'community of practice' network contributes to improving evidence uptake in health care settings.

A minimum of 25 interviews with participants from the EC CoP will be sought. For more information about the study visit the [NICS-RMIT Scholar](#) page. To volunteer to be interviewed email_cop@nicl.com.au.

Collaborating to Close Evidence Practice Gaps

The focus for the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine Consensus Conference in 2007 is knowledge translation to close evidence practice gaps. There has been interest in the EC CoP experience and how it works. If you would like more information contact Sue Huckson at cop@nicl.com.au or link to the [conference information](#).

Articles of Interest

Pain and sedation management

- Self-reported Pain Scores in the Emergency Department: Lack of Association with Vital Signs *Acad Emerg Med* 2006; 13(9): 974-979 ([Abstract](#))
- Brief Review of Procedural Sedation & Analgesia *JEPHC* 2006; 4(2) ([Full text](#))
- Sedation practice in a Scottish teaching hospital emergency department *Emerg Med J* 2006; 23: 684-686 ([Abstract](#))

Sepsis and related articles

- Critical care in the emergency department: severe sepsis and septic shock *Emerg Med J* 2006; 23(9): 713-717 ([Abstract](#))
- Failure to implement evidence-based clinical guidelines for sepsis at the ED *Am J Emerg Med* 2006; Sep 24(5): 553-559 ([Abstract](#))
- Systematic Delays in Antibiotic Administration in the Emergency Department for Adult Patients Admitted with Pneumonia *Acad Emerg Med* 2006; 13(9): 939-945 ([Abstract](#))
- Severe pneumococcal pneumonia: new strategies for management *Curr Opin Crit Care* 2006 Oct; 12(5): 470-476 ([Abstract](#))

Journal Watch Emergency Medicine

- MRSA in the ED: Plus Ça Change ([Link to opinion](#))
- Can Paramedics Accurately Predict Disposition? ([Link to opinion](#))

New Guidelines - American Heart Association

- Management of Ventricular Arrhythmias and the Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death ([Link to PDF](#))
- Management of Atrial Fibrillation ([Link to PDF](#))

New Cochrane reviews Issue 3, 2006 – Too many to list, visit [The Cochrane Library](#) for a list of new reviews.

Medical Journal of Australia Practice Essentials Series

- Anaphylaxis: diagnosis and management *Med J Aust* 2006; 185 (5): 283-289 ([Full text](#))