



News

Pain Management Initiative – final workshop

On 5 May, the final Pain Management Initiative workshop will be held with the Wave Two teams.

The data analysis from 50 sites to date is showing a significant reduction in time to analgesia and an increase in documented pain scores. This represents approximately 2 million patients. Each site is to be congratulated on this fine result.



International Conference of Emergency Medicine – Guideline workshop

The Guidelines International Network (GIN) Emergency Care Community (www.g-i-n.net/activities/ecc) will be hosting a two hour workshop at ICEM 2010 (Singapore)

The session will be an interactive presentations with the following topics discussed:

- The benefits of international collaboration on areas of guideline development and implementation specific to the emergency care
- What sort of guidelines emergency clinicians need?
- How to prioritise guideline recommendation for implementation
- Identifying barriers and enablers to implementation of recommendations to tailor your strategies for tailored to the local context.

This will be a unique opportunity to learn from an international group of experts in maximising opportunities to bring health evidence into clinical practice.

NHMRC Emergency Department Stroke and TIA Care Bundle evaluation

Plans are underway to formally evaluate the stroke care bundle in 2010. NICS has received positive feedback about this tool, and information has been presented at a number of state and regional stroke care forums.

Copies of the stroke care bundle resources can be downloaded from the website and printable copies can be ordered through the Stroke/TIA web page [LINK](#)

Paramedics prescribing in the UK?

On the Emergency Care Blog (www.emergencycare.nhmrc.gov.au/blog) this month, an interesting move from the UK Department of Health was discussed. They are currently consulting widely as they investigate potential change in practice for paramedics to be able to prescribe medications.

Find out more and view the consultative document [LINK](#)

Guideline Development Network

If you have an interest in guideline development, NICS is establishing a Guidelines Developers Network. The first of a planned series of workshops will be held in Melbourne in June 2010. Find out more [LINK](#)

If you are interested in joining the Network and/or attending the workshop, please contact Annabelle on (03) 8866 0444 or at annabelle.workman@nhmrc.gov.au

Guideline spotlight

In 2009, the NSW Department of Health released an 'Eye emergency manual'. This practical guide has been endorsed by both ACEM and ACEN.

Access the Eye Emergency Manual via the Clinical Practice Guidelines Portal [LINK](#)

To access other Australian guidelines related to emergency care, visit www.clinicalguidelines.gov.au and browse: healthcare settings > emergency care



The NHMRC NICS Clinical Practice Guidelines Portal has been developed to help clinicians and policy-makers access Australian evidence-based clinical practice guidelines through a single entry point.

Articles of interest

Courtney, M. (2010). Clinical features from the history and physical examination that predict the presence or absence of pulmonary embolism in symptomatic emergency department patients: Results of a prospective, Multi-centre study. *Annals of Emergency Medicine*. 55(4), 307-315 [LINK](#)

Bayliss, G. (2010). Dialysis in the poisoned patient. *Hemodialysis International*. 14, 158-167. [LINK](#)

Cater, A. et.al. (2010). Is ED length of stay before ICU admission related to patient mortality? *Emergency Medicine Australasia*. 22, 145-150 [LINK](#)

Neuropathic pain: the pharmacological management of neuropathic pain in adults in non-specialist settings. NICE clinical guideline. March 2010. [LINK](#)

Conferences

International Conference on Emergency Medicine, 9 - 12 June 2010. Singapore. www.icem2010.org

8th Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care. 6-8 Sept. Perth. www.aaqhc2010.org.au

CENA 8th International Conference for Emergency Nursing. 13-16 Oct 2010, Canberra. www.cena.org.au

2nd Joint International Evidence Based Healthcare Conference – 27-30 Oct 2010. Adelaide <http://www.alloccasionsgroup.com/EBHC2010>

ACEM 27th Annual Scientific Meeting 21-25 Nov 2010. Canberra. www.acem.org.au

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