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Pain Management Initiative progress update

The NHMRC-NICS National Emergency Care Pain Management Initiative is nearing its final stages. The emergency departments involved have made impressive progress, and will continue to promote quality pain care beyond the formal phases of the project. With the combined effort of everyone involved, a large amount of data has been collected which will be formally analysed by NICS and the Pain Management Initiative Advisory committee. This work may become the basis of a number of publications in the area of improving pain management.

Guideline spotlight

Dental first aid is both simple and inexpensive and can dramatically improve future dental outcomes. This practical guideline provides instructions, images, and links to further resources.

Reference: Tony Skapetis and Kate Curtis. Emergency management of dental trauma (2010) Australasian Emergency Nursing Journal. 13, 30-34 [LINK](#)



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

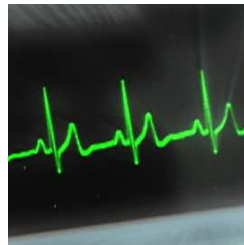
The NHMRC NICS Clinical Practice Guidelines Portal has been developed to help clinicians and policy-makers access Australian evidence-based clinical practice guidelines through a single entry point.

Useful web sites

Looking for clinical evidence to guide your practice or policy development? The following sites maybe of help...

Trip Database

The TRIP Database is a clinical search tool designed to allow rapid identification of evidence for clinical practice. <http://www.tripdatabase.com/>



NHS Evidence - emergency and urgent care

A unique resource aimed at supporting healthcare professionals by providing high quality information on all aspects of emergency and urgent healthcare including both clinical and organisational issues. <http://www.library.nhs.uk/emergency/>

BestBets

BETs were developed in the emergency department of Manchester Royal Infirmary, UK, to provide rapid evidence-based answers to real-life clinical questions, using a systematic approach to reviewing the literature. <http://www.bestbets.org/>

BMJ Clinical Evidence

BMJ Clinical Evidence is an on-line decision-support resource. Drawing on the evidence presented in peer review journals, Clinical Evidence also uses systematic reviews and other evidence sources and integrates the evidence into a range of additional evidence based resources. Go to: <http://clinicalevidence.bmj.com/ceweb/index.jsp> (subscription required)

If you know of any other websites specialising in emergency evidence based care, let us know by emailing emergencycare@nhmrc.gov.au

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