



February 2008 Newsletter

News

Emergency Care Blog News

Recent CoP [Blog site](#) discussion and posted resources:

- [Effects of oral zinc in the treatment of acute and persistent diarrhoea](#)
- [Interesting trial of activated charcoal for poisoning](#)
- [Hypertension in the ED ... more than just the stress of an ED visit](#)
- [Pain management in trauma algorithm](#)
- [Security in the ED](#)

The blog web address is <https://emergencycare.nhmrc.gov.au/blog/index.php> or you can access the site via the EC CoP web site.

2008 Emergency Care Evidence in Practice series

The NHMRC has published the latest brochures in its series, Emergency Care Evidence in Practice. The brochures were developed for emergency care clinicians by the EC CoP to highlight evidence-practice gaps of particular relevance within Australian emergency departments.

Three new topics have been addressed in this second release of the series. 'Lumbar imaging in acute non-specific low back pain', 'Pain medication for acute abdominal pain', and 'Rate or rhythm control for recurrent atrial fibrillation'.

[Visit the Emergency Care Evidence in Practice series web page](#)



Articles of interest

[Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for low back pain.](#) Jan 23 2008

Cochrane review. www.theCochraneLibrary.com

Emergency Department Crowding Is Associated With Poor Care for Patients with Severe Pain *Annals of Emergency Medicine* Jan 2008 Vol. 51 No.1

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Minor Injuries as a Risk Factor for Venous Thrombosis. *Archives of Internal Medicine*. 2008;168(1):21-26. [Download full article from EC CoP BLOG](#)

Nursing Blood Specimen Collection Techniques and Hemolysis Rates in an Emergency Department: Analysis of Venipuncture Versus Intravenous Catheter Collection Techniques. *Journal of Emergency Nursing* Vol. 34, Issue 1, Feb 2008, Pages 26-32 [Download full article from EC CoP BLOG](#)

Examining models of mental health service delivery in the emergency department. *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry* 2007; 41:784-791 (Timothy Wand EC CoP member) [Download full article from EC CoP BLOG](#)

Talk to the experts

Our next teleconference is **Wednesday 27 February** with Meredith Cameron, communications advisor, NICS.

The influenza season is almost with us again. Influenza greatly impacts both ED staff and patients. EDs are at the frontline, and the risks of both getting and spreading influenza flu are high. Despite the risks, only 20 to 50 per cent of health care workers are vaccinated annually. EDs also see many patients who are at risk. What is the EDs role? What is the impact in your local department? Dial in and join your colleagues in this months teleconference.

Teleconference details:

Guest speaker: Meredith Cameron
Topic: Influenza and the ED
Date: Wednesday 27 February
Time: 1.30pm-2.30pm AEST
Phone: 1800 200 232 and enter PIN: 011363 at the prompt.

Related resources:

- 2005 NICS Evidence-Practice Gaps Report - Volume Two. [Get from NICS web page.](#)

- Visit the NICS FightFlu web-site www.fightflu.gov.au

March Teleconference

Our March teleconference is Wednesday 26 March, 1.30pm AEST with Dr Meredith Borland, MBBS, FRACGP, Princess Margaret Hospital for Children ED. Perth W.A. Meredith has been involved in intranasal fentanyl research for many years. At the teleconference she will present her most recent findings and discuss this important analgesic option for ED patients.

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