



## February 2011 Newsletter

### News

#### Evaluation of the NHMRC Stroke and TIA Care Bundle

An evaluation of this resource has commenced with a selection of ED Directors being asked to participate in a survey and clinical audit. The aim of this evaluation is to determine if the care bundle format is an effective approach in the emergency care setting and its impact on evidence based care of these patients.

To find out if your ED is involved in this evaluation talk to your ED director or email [Jodie.Clydesdale@nhmrc.gov.au](mailto:Jodie.Clydesdale@nhmrc.gov.au) if you would like more information.

#### NHMRC TRIP Fellowship applications still open

The Translating Research Into Practice Fellowship scheme will support early-to-mid career clinical leaders in researching approaches to applying evidence to improve clinical practice.

You must apply to your own administering institution's research office prior to applying to the NHMRC. We encourage you to contact your institution's research office to clarify internal deadlines as soon as practicable.

The fellowship applications are now open and will close at 5pm (AEST) 15 April 2011. For more information go to: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/career/index.htm#d>

#### The Australian Triage Process Review

The Australian Triage Process Review will assess the effectiveness of current triage processes in supporting ED models of care, streaming patients into appropriate models of care, and the need for complexity tools at triage.

Please go to their website for more information: [www.archi.net.au/e-library/delivery/emergency/triage](http://www.archi.net.au/e-library/delivery/emergency/triage)

### Guideline spotlight

#### NHMRC (2010) Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare

In conjunction with the Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care, this guideline was developed by the NHMRC to establish a nationally accepted approach to infection prevention and control. Focusing on core principles and priority areas for action, the guideline provides a basis to develop detailed protocols and processes for infection prevention and control specific to local settings.



To access this and other Australian guidelines related to emergency care, visit [www.clinicalguidelines.gov.au](http://www.clinicalguidelines.gov.au) and browse: healthcare settings > emergency care

For more information about the Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care and their resources including their Knowledge Portal go to: <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/>

### Evidence summaries

The 'NHS Evidence - emergency and urgent care' is an on-line resource aimed to support healthcare professionals by providing high quality information including a emergency care specialist section. Go to: <http://www.library.nhs.uk/emergency/> This site includes a review of the recent Cochrane Reviews relevant to emergency and urgent care. Find this review following the following web link: <http://www.library.nhs.uk/Emergency/Page.aspx?pagename=COCHRANE>

### Articles of interest

Duffy et al. [Use of Skeletal Surveys to Evaluate for Physical Abuse: Analysis of 703 Consecutive Skeletal Surveys](#) Pediatrics. 127(1):47-52. Jan 2011

Mazer, M et al. [Medication History Taking in Emergency Department Triage Is Inaccurate and Incomplete.](#) Academic Emergency Medicine. 18:102-104. 2011

Francois, D et al. [Distinguishing between bacterial and aseptic meningitis in children: European comparison of two clinical decision rules.](#) Archives of Disease in Childhood. 95: 963-967. 2010

Schuh, S et al. [Predictors of Non-Diagnostic Ultrasound Scanning in Children with Suspected Appendicitis.](#) The Journal of Pediatrics. 158(1):112-118. Jan 2011

### Emergency Care Information Gateway

Remember to share journal papers of interest and clinical tools with your colleagues on the Information Gateway: [www.emergencycare.nhmrc.gov.au/gateway](http://www.emergencycare.nhmrc.gov.au/gateway)

### Nature's fury

Many of you have recently been affected by floods, cyclones and earthquakes. These events may have affected you personally or through your professional roles. Emergency teams are great at looking out for each other during difficult times. Please take care of yourself, family, friends and colleagues.

Best wishes from the NICS team.

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