



## July 2007 Newsletter

### News

#### Emergency Care Pain Management – the data is in!

Thank you to everyone who helped collect your local ED pain management data! We are currently putting together individual site reports and will get these to you as soon as possible. We will also write a report that will report on all of the data received. This data will be a great resource as we plan the next stage of improving ED pain management.

#### Planning ahead

For the past year, the EC CoP has been focusing on the issue of pain management in emergency care. This was an issue identified by emergency clinicians as a priority area where there was an evidence / practice gap. While this initiative is progressing well, we are starting to think about the next EC clinical area of focus (July 2008). As a part of the NHMRC, the EC CoP efforts need to be consistent with national health priority areas such as acute coronary syndrome and diabetes. What do you think? What evidence-practice gap relevant to emergency care would benefit from the combined efforts of the EC CoP? Email your ideas to [cop@nicssl.com.au](mailto:cop@nicssl.com.au)

### Articles of interest

#### Asthma

[Increased risk of childhood asthma from antibiotic use in early life.](#)

Chest. 131(6):1753-9 June 2007

Related 'Journal Watch' comment - [Antibiotic Use Early in Life Increases Risk for Asthma](#)

#### Mental Health

[Psychiatric Disorders in Patients Presenting to the Emergency Department for Minor Injury.](#) Nursing Research. 56(4):275-282, July/August 2007

#### Pulmonary Embolism

[Prospective Study of the Clinical Features and Outcomes of Emergency Department Patients with Delayed Diagnosis of Pulmonary Embolism.](#)

Academic Emergency Medicine Vol.14, Issue7 592-598, July 2007

#### Critically Ill

[Impact of delayed transfer of critically ill patients from the emergency department to the intensive care unit.](#) Critical Care Medicine. 35(6):1477-1483, June 2007

[Implementation of a bundle of quality indicators for the early management of severe sepsis and septic shock is associated with decreased mortality.](#)

Critical Care Medicine 35(4):1105-1112, April 2007

#### Cardiac

[A Clinical Decision Rule to Identify Which Chest Pain Patients Can Safely Be Removed From Cardiac Monitoring in the Emergency Department.](#)

Annals of Emergency Medicine. Vol 50, Issue 2, pages 136-143, August 2007

Meta-Analysis of Magnesium Therapy for the Acute Management of Rapid Atrial Fibrillation. The American Journal of Cardiology, Vol.99, Issue 12, Pages 1726-1732 2007 [doi:10.1016/j.amjcard.2007.01.057](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amjcard.2007.01.057)

#### Pain management

[A Randomized Controlled Trial Comparing a Fascia Iliaca Compartment Nerve Block to a Traditional Systemic Analgesic for Femur Fractures in a Pediatric Emergency Department.](#)

Annals of Emergency Medicine, Vol 50, Issue 2, pages 162-171.e1 August 2007

### Talk to the experts

Our next teleconference needs to be **rescheduled** to 29 August. We had hoped to discuss the national pain audit data, but we need to distribute the reports to the EDs involved as a priority before the data is discussed more widely.

#### Next teleconference:

Wednesday 29 August 1.30pm-2.30pm AEST

Topic: National Pain Audit

### Join the EC CoP team

The EC CoP team is currently seeking a senior project officer (Melbourne based). If you are interested, go to the careers section of the NHMRC website [www.nhmrc.gov.au](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au) or give Sue a call on 03 88660410

### Upcoming conferences

CENA - [6th International Conference for Emergency Nurses](#) "Future Directions, Future Challenges...Beyond Tomorrow" Melbourne 11-13 Oct 2007

[ACEM Annual Scientific Meeting](#)

Gold Coast. 25-30 Nov 2007

### EC Evidence

The Emergency Medicine Journal publishes Cochrane evidence reviews relevant to emergency care called [SOCRATES](#). A set of these were recently published. Visit the EMJ website at <http://emj.bmj.com/> for more information

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