



July 2010 Newsletter

News

Stroke and TIA Care Bundle evaluation

Plans have begun for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Stroke and TIA care bundle as a guideline implementation method for the ED. An expert committee has been established for this project and comprises of clinicians and researchers from the emergency care and stroke sectors, the emergency care colleges, the National Stroke Foundation and a consumer. The first meeting was held on 29 June and the committee assisted in providing clear direction and a robust methodology which will greatly assist our understanding of guideline implementation methods in the acute health care sector. [Stroke and TIA care bundle resources](#)

Emergency Care Information Gateway

The NHMRC-NICS Emergency Care Information Gateway has had some great content added over the past month, so don't forget to check out the papers of interest and resources. This site is an update of the previous Emergency Care Blog site, which was developed to promote communication and sharing of ideas and evidence-based resources between emergency clinicians - to support knowledge translation. Go to: <https://emergencycare.nhmrc.gov.au/gateway>

Guideline Spotlight

The **Guidelines-in-Development Register** contains information about Australian guidelines that are being planned, are already under development or are under revision. It is designed to assist guideline developers to work more collaboratively, to pool resources on guideline development and to reduce duplication of guidelines in Australia. The Register includes information about the clinical topic and scope of the guideline, developer contact details, anticipated timelines and funding details. If you are involved in developing a guideline, you are encouraged to register your current activity. Go to: <http://www.clinicalguidelines.gov.au/in-development/>

Australian Guideline Developers Network

On 17 June 2010 the National Institute of Clinical Studies held its inaugural national guideline developers workshop in Melbourne, marking the formal launch of the Australian Guideline Developers Network. There was considerable interest in the workshop with 70 guideline developers attending the day from all over Australia, representing a wide range of Australian guideline development activity.

The Network has been designed to help Australian guideline developers work together cooperatively, and to provide peer support and education in the management of issues such as conflict of interest, guideline updates, consumer involvement, methodological issues and the application of the NHMRC procedures and requirements to meet the NHMRC standard.

The Network is open to anyone in Australia involved in developing, writing, revising, implementing or commissioning clinical practice guidelines at local, state or national level.

If you are interested in joining the Network, or would like further information, please email: clinicalguidelines@nhmrc.gov.au

Guideline of interest

Rural adult emergency clinical guidelines 3rd edition (2010) NSW Health. [LINK](#)



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. Go to: www.clinicalguidelines.gov.au/

Articles of interest

Seamon MJ et al. (2010). Just one drop: The significance of a single hypotensive blood pressure reading during trauma resuscitations. *Journal of Trauma*. June. 68:1289. [LINK](#)

Toma, A. et al. (2010). Perceived barriers to therapeutic hypothermia for patients resuscitated from cardiac arrest: A qualitative study of emergency department and critical care workers. *Critical Care Medicine*. 2010 Vol. 38, No. 2 [LINK](#)

Hodder, R. et al. (2010). Management of acute asthma in adults in the emergency department: nonventilatory management. *CMAJ*, Feb 9, 2010. 182(2) [LINK](#)

CRASH-2 trial collaborators. Effects of tranexamic acid on death, vascular occlusive events, and blood transfusion in trauma patients with significant haemorrhage (CRASH-2): a randomised, placebo-controlled trial. *The Lancet*. Published Online. June 15, 2010 [LINK](#)

Conferences

8th Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care. 6-8 Sept. Perth. www.aqhc2010.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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