



June 2008 Newsletter

News

National Emergency Care Pain Management Initiative - UPDATE

The first workshop for Wave One is this week. This initiative is gaining international interest with the NICS team and members of the working group having numerous discussions and teleconferences with international emergency clinical and research leaders. It is great to see our local EDs being in a position to lead change which will be recognised so widely.

NICS / PREDICT Paediatric Pain Management findings presented at international forum

Findings from the 2007 audit of emergency department pain management will be presented at the 7th International Forum on Pediatric Pain in Nova Scotia, Canada in October. The abstracts submitted were the result of a joint [NICS / PREDICT](#) effort in studying paediatric pain management practices. Key findings from this audit were also reported at the 2007 ACEM conference which can be accessed via the [EC CoP pain initiative web page](#).

Emergency Care Blog News

Great things can be achieved in getting together with like minded people. However it is not always possible to meet in person, and that's where a Blog can help. Follow the link below and have a look at recent posts, full length journal papers, and other resources. You don't have to sign up or log in to view documents. If you want to join in and start a discussion, it is quick and easy to login. Get feedback on local quality projects or research. There is some great work happening out there, let others know of your latest achievements or ask for ideas when you hit a wall. Recent posts of interest [Elderly Care in the ED](#); [Topical analgesia at triage?](#)

Go to: www.emergencycare.nhmrc.gov.au/blog.

Stroke care in the ED - project update

Six months into the project and the NICS stroke reference group have developed a draft resource designed to improve uptake of the National Stroke Foundation's Clinical Guidelines for Acute Stroke. The resource will be going through a number of reviews in the next few months and NICS then hopes to pilot the resource in a small number of EDs across the country towards the end of 2008, and beginning of 2009.

If you are interested in finding out more about this initiative, or would like to express your interest in being part of the pilot, please contact Annette at annette.lenstra@nhmrc.gov.au for more information.

Articles of interest

Independent evaluation of an out-of-hospital termination of resuscitation (TOR) clinical decision rule. *Academic Emergency Medicine*. Vol. 15 Iss. 6. Page 517-521 June 2008 [LINK](#)

Treatment of children with migraine in the emergency department: a qualitative systematic review. *Pediatric Emergency Care*. Vol. 24 Iss. 5. Page 321-330 May 2008. [LINK](#)

Using pain-rating scales with older adults. *American Journal of Nursing*. Vol. 108 Iss. 6 Pages 40-47 June 2008. [LINK](#)

Impact of an ultrabroadband emergency department telemedicine system on the care of acutely ill patients and clinicians' work. *Medical Journal of Australia*. Vol. 188 Iss. 12. Page 704-708 June 2008. [LINK TO ABSTRACT](#)

Talk to the experts

Join us for our July teleconference where we will be discussing a local intervention to reduce the inappropriate use of prophylactic metoclopramide with morphine.

Teleconference details:

Guest speaker: Bernard Yeoh, David Taylor, Simone Taylor

Topic: Evidence-based use of metoclopramide following morphine administration

Date: Wednesday July 30

Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm AEST

Phone: 1800 200 232 and enter PIN: 011363 at the prompt.

Published evidence indicates that the inappropriate (prophylactic) administration of metoclopramide, with initial doses of morphine, is associated with more harm (precipitation of akathisia) than benefit.

A team at the Austin Hospital Emergency Department, Melbourne, led and evaluated a multi-faceted education initiative for staff which resulted in a significant improvement in the evidence-based use of metoclopramide.

RELATED PAPERS:

Use of a prophylactic antiemetic with morphine in acute pain: randomised controlled trial. *Emergency Medicine Journal* 2006; 23; 210-213 [LINK](#)

BESTBETS: Metoclopramide versus placebo with opioid (2004) GO TO: <http://www.bestbets.org/bets/bet.php?id=437>

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