



Emergency Care Information Gateway

The updated Blog has gone live. The revised site is now titled the 'Emergency Care Information Gateway' to more accurately reflect the revised features. The Emergency Care Information Gateway aims to provide access nationally to evidence-based health care resources for clinicians and others working in the emergency care sector.

Go to <https://emergencycare.nhmrc.gov.au/gateway/>

New features of the Gateway include:

- a dedicated area for research papers, clinical tools, and a discussion forum
- clearer navigation and document search functionality
- development of the feature page 'Acute Coronary Syndromes (ACS) Resource Exchange' in partnership with the Heart Foundation
- improved site evaluation capability.

An editorial panel (volunteers from the Emergency Care Community of Practice) has been established to provide additional peer review of resources to ensure they are clinically appropriate and meet a standard for inclusion.

Guideline spotlight

This practical guide reviews the current literature on spider bites and describes the clinical assessment and management of the medically important spider bites. Braitberg, G. (2009). Spider bites: Assessment and management. Australian Family Physician. Vol. 38, No. 11, November.



To access this and other Australian guidelines related to emergency care, visit www.clinicalguidelines.gov.au and browse: healthcare settings > emergency care

Also...

A NICS team has recently published in the Medical Journal of Australia (3 May 2010) on the outcomes of a national study of clinical practice guidelines. Australian Clinical Practice Guidelines - a National study. Heather A Buchan, Kay C Currie, Emma J Lourey and Geraint R Duggan. MJA 2010; 192 (9): 490-494. [LINK](#)

Articles of interest

Little, WK. (2010). Golden Hour or Golden Opportunity: Early Management of Paediatric Trauma. Clinical Paediatric Emergency Medicine. Vol. 11, (1), 4-9. [LINK](#)

Skapetis, T. & Curtis, K. (2010). Emergency management of dental trauma. Australasian Emergency Nursing Journal. 13, 30-34. [LINK](#)

Australian Family Physician (2010). Childhood emergencies. Vol 39, No.5, May. This edition features various childhood emergencies including meningococcal sepsis, croup, flu, head injuries and others. [LINK](#)

Writing Committee of the WHO Consultation on Clinical Aspects of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza. (2010). Clinical Aspects of Pandemic 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection. The New England Journal of Medicine. 362(18), 1708-1719. [LINK](#)

Trof, R. (2010). Greater Cardiac Response of Colloid than Saline Fluid Loading in Septic and Non-septic Critically ill Patients with Clinical Hypovolaemia. Intensive Care Medicine. 36: 697-701. [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, Canberra. www.cena.org.au

ACEM 27th Annual Scientific Meeting 21-25 Nov 2010. Canberra. www.acem.org.au

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