



March 2008 Newsletter

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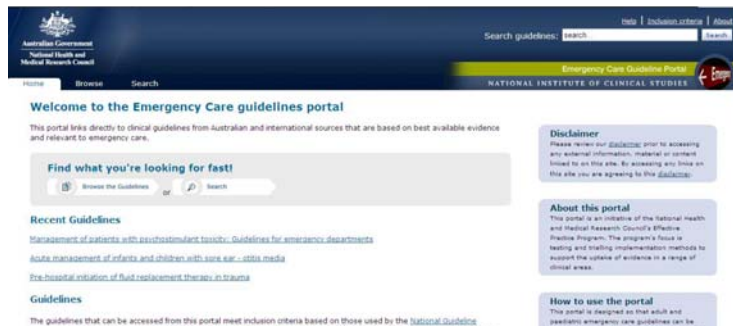
Emergency Care Clinical Guideline Portal

The Emergency Care Guideline Portal is now ready for your use! Developed with strong support from the NICS Emergency Care advisory group, clinical leaders group and research reference group, it aims to provide a 'one stop shop' for all evidence-based emergency care related clinical guidelines and associated tools.

The portal links to national and international guidelines that address the emergency management of a range of conditions.

To access the portal go to www.emergencycare.nhmrc.gov.au/portal

To help us improve the portal, please provide feedback via the links on the site, or email annette.lenstra@nhmrc.gov.au.



Emergency Care Blog News

We have had a lot of interest in the EC CoP [Blog](#) this month including one occasion when almost 70 people were browsing the blog pages at the same time.

Recent CoP Blog discussion and posted resources:

- [Are you a good judge of your patients level of pain?](#)
- [Transfer for PCI after thrombolysis for STEMI patients](#)
- [Minimally Interrupted Cardiac Resuscitation by Emergency Medical Services for Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest](#)
- [Security in the ED – more comments](#)

Read the latest [blog](#) posts or contribute your own post at www.emergencycare.nhmrc.gov.au/blog. Or access the blog via the [EC CoP web site](#)

Articles of interest

Glucose: A Biomarker in Acute Myocardial Infarction Ready for Prime Time? Editorial Circulation. February 26, 2008 [Download full paper from BLOG](#)

Clinical Decision Instruments for CT Scan in Minor Head Trauma. Journal of Emergency Medicine. Volume 34, Issue 3, April 2008, Pages 253-259 [doi:10.1016/j.jemermed.2007.05.055](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jemermed.2007.05.055)

Short-term Prognosis of Stroke among Patients Diagnosed in the Emergency Department with a Transient Ischemic Attack. Annals of Emergency Medicine March 2008, Vol. 51, Number 3 [Download full paper from BLOG](#)

Surviving Sepsis Campaign: International Guidelines for Management of Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock 2008. Critical Care Medicine. 2008; Vol. 36(1) 296-327 [Download full paper from BLOG](#)

Talk to the experts

Our next teleconference is on **Wednesday 26 March** with Dr Meredith Borland MBBS FRACGP, Princess Margaret Hospital for Children ED, Perth WA.

Teleconference details:

Guest speaker: Meredith Borland
Topic: Intranasal Fentanyl in the ED
Date: Wednesday 26 March
Time: 1.30pm-2.30pm AEST
Phone: 1800 200 232 and enter PIN: 011363 at the prompt.

Meredith will present her most recent findings on intranasal fentanyl in the ED and discuss this important analgesic option for ED patients.

Related paper:

A Randomized Controlled Trial Comparing Intranasal Fentanyl to Intravenous Morphine for Managing Acute Pain in Children in the Emergency Department. Annals of Emergency Medicine. Vol.49, Issue 3, March 2007, pp.335-340 [LINK](#)

ADVANCE NOTICE APRIL TELECONFERENCE 30 April, 1.30pm AEST

Professor Michael Ardagh FACEM is Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Christchurch School of Medicine in New Zealand. He will be discussing the NZ [Traumatic Brain Injury clinical guideline](#).

Conference News

[ACEM Winter Symposium](#) 2-4 July www.willorganise.com.au/acem2008

[CENA 3rd National Conference for Emergency Nurses](#) 28 -30 August Perth www.cdesign.com.au/cena2008/

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