



May 2009 Newsletter

News

Swine flu resources

The impact of swine flu has pushed the emergency system to new levels of demand. As the numbers of those effected in Australia start to increase, this demand is likely to increase also. If you need evidence or policy resources, there are a number of online sites ([link](#)) have been designed to support clinicians in the management of pandemic influenza and have been listed on the NICS EC CoP Blog site.

www.emergencycare.nhmrc.gov.au/blog

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There has been some interesting posts and resources loaded to the EC CoP Blog site this month, including topics such as [Preparing your ED for pandemic influenza](#), [improved patient survival using a modified resuscitation protocol](#), and [Joanna Briggs Institute conference announcement](#).

On the Blog we have added St Emlyn's virtual hospital as a link. This web-based tool provides learning materials, case studies, audit tools, protocols, power point presentations, etc. Interesting approach which features the ED.

Go to: <http://www.stemlyns.org.uk/>

If you have any learning tools or other resources that you are able to share on the blog, please let us know. Email Scott at scott.bennetts@nhmrc.gov.au

Expand your mind

Take a few moments to visit this web-site, <http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks>. The site is full of interesting lectures on a wide variety of topics by world leaders, university professors, industry experts, entertainers and other dynamic speakers. One amazing lecture if from Eva Vertes (only 19 when she gave this talk) discussing her journey toward studying medicine and her drive to understand the roots of cancer and Alzheimer's.

Go to: http://www.ted.com/talks/eva_vertes_looks_to_the_future_of_medicine.html

Guideline of the month www.emergencycare.nhmrc.gov.au/portal

Adult trauma clinical practice guidelines: Initial management of closed head injury in adults. NSW Institute of Trauma and Injury Management, 2007.

Go to: <http://www.itim.nsw.gov.au/go/itim-trauma-guidelines/published-trauma-guidelines/closed-head-injury>. This web-link includes additional resources such as guideline summaries, algorithms, discharge advice and education presentation.

Please see the NICS Emergency Care Guideline Portal for more guidelines on this, and many other emergency care topics.

Articles of interest

Epinephrine and dexamethasone in children with bronchiolitis. New England Journal of Medicine. 2009 May 14;360(20):2079-89 [LINK](#)

Antiemetics for reducing vomiting related to acute gastroenteritis in children and adolescents. Cochrane Database Systematic Review. 2009 Apr 15;(2):CD005506 [LINK](#)

Cardiac patients' knowledge and use of sublingual glyceryl trinitrate. The Australian Journal of Advanced Nursing. Volume 26 Issue 3, March - May 2009 [LINK](#)

Hypothermia for traumatic head injury. Cochrane Database Systematic Review. 2009 Apr 15;(2):CD001048 [LINK](#)

Teleconference

At our next teleconference we will be meeting with Dr Jim Ducharme. Jim is an internationally renowned emergency pain management expert and advocate. Jim is author of several books, dozens of research papers, and is currently the chief editor of the Canadian Emergency Medicine Journal.

This is a great opportunity to hear from one of the fields leaders. Please join us.

Teleconference details:

Guest speaker: Dr Jim Ducharme

Topic: Improving ED Pain Management

Date: Wednesday June 24

Time: 9.00am–10.00am AEST

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

Related paper:

Ducharme, et al. The influence of triage systems and triage scores on timeliness of ED analgesic administration. The American Journal of Emergency Medicine. Vol 26, Iss 8, Oct 2008, Pages 867-873 [LINK](#)

Ducharme presentation: 'Creating a Pain Free ED'; 12th ICEM Conference, April 2008, San Francisco. [LINK](#)

Conferences

CENA 7th International Conference for Emergency Nursing. 7–10 Oct 2009, Gold Coast. QLD. [LINK](#)

ACEM 26th Annual Scientific Meeting. 15-19 Nov 2009, Melbourne. VIC [LINK](#)

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