



News

2009 NICS Evidence into Action prize

Congratulations to Margaret Villella at Sandringham Hospital ED (Melbourne) on receiving the NHMRC NICS 'Evidence into Action prize' at the recent 2009 College of Emergency Nursing Australasia (CENA) 7th International Conference for Emergency Nursing for her paper *Implementing a Burns Protocol into the Emergency Department*.



Congratulations also to Ruth Hollin, Nursing Research Centre at Mater Health Services (Brisbane), on her Highly Commended paper *Evidence-based practice translation project in a paediatric emergency department: Antipyretic interventions for children with fever*. Please see the NICS website [LINK](#) for a copy of both abstracts.

NICS Evidence into Action prize making an impact

We recently received an email from Suzanne Colby, who was awarded the 2008 NHMRC NICS 'Evidence into Action prize'. In this email Suzanne comments that "this award has enabled our ED to continue to strive to not only identify and implement best practice across other domains of health care, but look at having a part to play in determining what may be future best practice in a rural facility". It is great to hear that our rural centres are making such a valuable impact not only in their local community, but also more broadly. See Suzanne's full response. [LINK](#)

Blog review – www.emergencycare.nhmrc.gov.au/blog

Thanks to all those who contributed to the Blog review survey questions. The feedback received will be used to inform the redevelopment of this site which will be launched in early 2010.

Articles of interest

Barriers and supports to implementation of MDI/spacer use in nine Canadian pediatric emergency departments: a qualitative study. *Implementation Science*. 2009; 4:65 [LINK](#)

Pulmonary Embolism and Deep Venous Thrombosis in Trauma...Are They Related? *Archives of Surgery*. 2009; 144 (10):928-932 [LINK](#)

Impact of the 2005 American Heart Association Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care Guidelines on Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Survival. *Prehospital Emergency Care*. Oct-Dec 2009;13(4): 469 – 477. [LINK \(Abstract only\)](#)

Clinical Clearance of the Cervical Spine in Blunt Trauma Patients Younger Than 3 Years: A Multi-Center Study of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma *Journal of Trauma*. September 2009; 67: 543–550 [LINK](#)

The Out-of-Hospital Validation of the Canadian C-Spine Rule by Paramedics. *Annals of Emergency Medicine*. November 2009; 54(5): 663-671. [LINK](#)

A Method for Improving Arrival-to electrocardiogram Time in Emergency Department Chest Pain Patients and the Effect on Door-to-balloon Time for ST-segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction. *Academic Emergency Medicine*. October 2009; 16:921–927. [LINK](#)

Thank you

The team at NICS are sad to announce that our colleague Annette Lenstra will be leaving us. Annette has worked at NICS for two years, and has taken a lead on the Emergency Care Guideline Portal and the Emergency Care Stroke Bundle projects. Annette's excellent work...and her cooking will be greatly missed. We wish you well Annette.

PS. Keep an eye on the 'Jobs@NHMRC' web page if you are interested in joining the Effective Practice Team (that's us). For more information, contact Sue Huckson or Scott Bennetts on 03 8866 0400.

Resources

Free online resources

Access the [EC CoP Blog](#) for free ED resources and the latest ED related research. If you have any teaching tools, protocols, or other resources that you are able to share on the blog, email them to Scott Bennetts at: scott.bennetts@nhmrc.gov.au

Hot off the press

The Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases has released a position statement: infection control guidelines for patients with influenza-like illnesses, including pandemic (H1N1) influenza 2009, in Australian health care facilities. View this important information in this months MJA. Volume 19. Number 8. 19 October 2009 [LINK](#)

Conference reminders

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

13th International Conference on Emergency Medicine. 9 - 12 June 2010. Singapore. www.icem2010.org

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