



Sharing ideas and expertise to improve practice together

Emergency Care Community of Practice Newsletter

Emergency Care Pain Management Project is under way

The Collaborative Health Education and Research Centre (CHERC) of Bendigo Health Care Group (VIC) has been commissioned to coordinate a national audit to identify current practice in pain management in consultation with key EC CoP research reference group and clinical leaders. Pilot testing of the audit tool is to commence in December 2006. For more information link to the [EC CoP Pain Management](#) page.

Access to the Mental Health Emergency Care (MH-EC) project resources

Please email cop@nicl.com.au if you would like access to the resources developed by the MH-EC project teams. The website provides an opportunity to share existing tools and for new resources to be added. For more information link to the [EC CoP Mental Health page](#)

Can you help? – Looking for evidence based nursing resources

There has been a request from the EC community for any evidence based nursing resources developed for emergency care. If you can help please forward your resources to cop@nicl.com.au.

December teleconference

When: Wednesday 13th December, 1:30pm AEDT ([check time zones](#))

Guest: Dr Yusuf Nagree, Director of Emergency Services Armadale-Kelmscott Memorial Hospital (WA)

Dial in details: 1800 200 232 and enter PIN 0113 at the prompt

This month we are spotlighting Armadale-Kelmscott Memorial Hospital. Yusuf will be sharing the experiences he and staff of the emergency department have had in getting evidence into practice, in reality. In particular, Yusuf will speak about the fast track system, pain pathway and mental health processes in place at their hospital. Armadale-Kelmscott Memorial Hospital have participated in both the NICS [ED Collaborative](#) and the [MH-EC Interface project](#). We look forward to hearing all about it!

Articles of Interest and Websites

C Spine

- Can emergency nurses use the Canadian cervical spine rule to reduce unnecessary patient immobilisation *Acc Emerg Nurs* 2006 Jul; 14(3):133-140 ([Link to abstract](#))

Pain Management

- Patient and physician perceptions as risk factors for oligoanalgesia: a prospective observational study of the relief of pain in the emergency department. *Acad Emerg Med* 2006 Feb;13(2):140-146 ([Link to abstract](#))
- What patients with abdominal pain expect about pain relief in the emergency department. *J Emerg Nur* 2006;32(4):281-287. ([Link to abstract](#))

Sepsis

- Early goal-directed therapy: a UK perspective. *Emerg Med J* 2006;23(11):828-832 ([Link to full text](#))

Resuscitation

- Systematic review of randomized controlled trials of therapeutic hypothermia as a neuroprotectant in post cardiac arrest patients. *Can J Emerg Med* 2006 Sep; 8:329-37 ([Link to abstract & full text](#))

Emergency Medicine Journal Watch

- Guideline-Driven Antibiotic Selection Lowers Pneumonia Mortality ([Link to comment](#) and article)
- Time to First Dose of Antibiotics Is Critical in Septic Shock ([Link to comment](#) and article)

Cochrane Update – New reviews

- Antihistamines and/or decongestants for otitis media with effusion (OME) in children ([Link to review](#))
- Adenosine versus intravenous calcium channel antagonists for the treatment of supraventricular tachycardia in adults ([Link to review](#))
- Colchicine for acute gout ([Link to review](#))

What's New from Bestbets

- How safe is ibuprofen in febrile asthmatic children? Nov 2006. ([Link to full text](#))
- Discontinuing anticonvulsant medication in children. Nov 2006 ([Link to full text](#))

This will be the last newsletter for 2006. The next newsletter will be available in January 2007. Have a safe and happy holiday! from the team at NICS.

