



November – December 2010 Newsletter

News

NHMRC NICS Evidence into Action Prize

The 2010 NHMRC NICS Evidence into Action Prize for the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) was awarded to Professor Anne-Maree Kelly at the recent ACEM 27th Annual Scientific Meeting. The abstract was titled "A Clinical Network Project Improves Efficiency and Reduces Variability in Chest Pain Management in Victorian Emergency Departments". Additional authors were Jan Pannifex, Merrin Bamert and Professor George Braitberg on behalf of the Emergency Care Improvement and Innovation Clinical Network, Victorian Department of Health.

This project demonstrated improvement by reducing length of stay in the emergency department and increased use of risk stratification for patients presenting with chest pain in 16 Victorian hospitals.

Australian Triage Process Review

On behalf of the Health Policy Priorities Principal Committee (HPPPC) of the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council, NSW Health is working to conduct a review of the Australian Triage Process.

To find out more, keep up to date and to get involved during the consultation period, please go to <http://www.archi.net.au/e-library/delivery/emergency/triage>

Guideline spotlight

Draft Consensus-based guideline on the management of volatile substance use for public consultation

Comments are now being invited on the draft *consensus-based clinical practice guideline for the management of volatile substance use (VSU)*. The purpose of this guideline is to provide practical recommendations to assist health professionals to identify, assess and treat people who use volatile substances.

The guidelines specifically include a chapter on emergency care and acute intoxication, making important recommendations relevant for emergency clinicians.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 14 January 2011. For further information go to <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines/consult/consultations/vsu.htm> call Amy Goodwin 03 8866 0400 or email vsu@nhmrc.gov.au

Evidence summaries

Evidence summaries via NHS Evidence - emergency and urgent care web-site <http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/default.aspx>

Latest **Cochrane** reviews relevant to emergency and urgent care. Issue 11 2010 - Cochrane reviews relevant to emergency and urgent care published in November 2010.

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/Emergency/Page.aspx?pagename=COCHRANE>

DARE abstracts of systematic reviews.

8 full DARE abstracts relevant to emergency and urgent care were recently added. <http://www.library.nhs.uk/Emergency/Page.aspx?pagename=DARE>

Articles of interest

Green S. et al. (2010). [Laryngospasm During Emergency Department Ketamine Sedation](#) Pediatric Emergency Care. 26 (11).

Weingart. S et al. (2009). [Trauma Patients Can Safely be Extubated in the Emergency Department](#). The Journal of Emergency Medicine. Aug 22.

Verma, A. & Roach, P. (2010). [The Interpretation of Arterial Blood Gases](#). Australian Prescriber. 33(4), 124-129

Adimando, A et al. (2010). [Pharmacological Management of the Agitated Pediatric Patient](#). Pediatric Emergency Care. 26 (11), 856-863

SEASONS GREETINGS



The team at NHMRC NICS wishes you a safe and happy festive season. Your enthusiasm and support in 2010 has been astounding and it has been a pleasure working with you. See you in 2011 and we look forward to working with you again to explore the emerging emergency care evidence.

Kindest regards

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