



September 2010 Newsletter

News

Emergency Nurses Week 2010

Emergency Nurses week this year is October 9 - 15 with Emergency nurses day on October 12!

Since 1989, the Emergency Nurses Association and its affiliated organisations have celebrated the second Wednesday in October as Emergency Nurses Day, a day set aside to honour emergency nurses for their commitment to patient care.

Starting in 2001, this was expanded to devote an entire week, because one day is simply not enough to recognise all contributions made by emergency nurses!

This year's theme, "Emergency Nurses: Making a Difference Every Day" is a call to honour their compassion, skills and commitment.

For more information about emergency nurses week, or for ideas on events you could plan at your ED, go to <http://www.ena.org/about/EN-Week/Pages/Default.aspx>

Guideline spotlight

Clinical guidelines for stroke management 2010

The National Stroke Foundation recently updated the clinical guidelines for stroke management, developed to provide a series of evidence-based recommendations related to stroke. Development of the guidelines has been undertaken by a multidisciplinary expert working group using methodology consistent with NHMRC standards.

These revised guidelines are for the management of stroke, encompassing both acute and post-acute stroke care. This edition of the guidelines importantly includes new information on fatigue, goal setting, oral hygiene, cognitive communication deficits, behavioural change and the amount and timing of rehabilitation.

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



To access this and other Australian guidelines related to emergency care, visit www.clinicalguidelines.gov.au and browse: healthcare settings > emergency care.

Featured Conference

TRAUMA 2010 (Melbourne, 19-21 November)

Featuring local and international experts, the conference brings together the latest scientific knowledge and practical real-world challenges related to the care and recovery of the severely injured. It will be of particular interest to all clinicians caring for injured patients, managers and policy-makers involved in services for injured people, patient-representative organisations, and researchers interested in high quality science.

Provisional topic areas include:

- Haemostasis & Resuscitation
- Disasters and Burns
- Brain Injury and Spinal Injury
- The Burden of Injury
- Quality Improvement

Go to: www.trauma2010.org



Articles of interest

Bernard S. et al. 2010. [Induction of Therapeutic Hypothermia by Paramedics After Resuscitation From Out-of-Hospital Ventricular Fibrillation Cardiac Arrest: A Randomized Controlled Trial.](#) *Circulation.* August 17. 737-742

Stiell I. et al. 2010. [Multicentre prospective validation of use of the Canadian C-Spine Rule by triage nurses in the emergency department.](#) *CMAJ.* August 10. 182(11): 1173-1179

Pantawala, A. et al. 2010. [Antiemetic therapy for nausea and vomiting in the emergency department.](#) *The Journal of Emergency Medicine.* 39(3): 330-336

Conferences

NEW LISTING!

TRAUMA 2010, Combined National Trauma Research Institute and Australasian Trauma Society Annual Scientific Meeting. 19 – 21 November 2010. Sofitel on Collins, Melbourne. www.trauma2010.org

CENA 8th International Conference for Emergency Nursing. 13-16 Oct 2010, Canberra. www.cena.org.au

National Forum on Safety and Quality in Health Care. 25-27 October 2010. Canberra. <http://sapmea.asn.au/conventions/forumsqhc2010/index.html>

2nd Joint International Evidence Based Healthcare Conference – 27-30 Oct 2010. Adelaide. <http://www.alloccasionsgroup.com/EBHC2010>

ACEM 27th Annual Scientific Meeting 21-25 Nov 2010. Canberra. www.acem.org.au

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