
Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network

Belfast join PICANet to complete UK coverage

We are very pleased to announce that the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children have joined PICANet: We now cover every designated PICU in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. A representative from the unit will join the clinical advisory and steering groups.

PICANet funding continued

Following our successful tender, funding is to continue for PICANet under the auspices of the Health Quality Improvement Partnership www.hqip.org.uk.

The Department of Health have announced details of the new consortium that will run the National Clinical Audit and Patient's Outcomes Programme (NCAPOP) and new consortium will also have a role in supporting the newly created National Clinical Audit Advisory Group (NCAAG) www.clinicalauditsupport.com.

Contact changes

Professor Nick Black stands down as chair of the PICANet Steering group. Our congratulations to Prof Black on his appointment as chair NCAAG. The relationship between National Clinical Audit Advisory Group and Health Quality Improvement Partnership mean that he will no longer be able to chair the PICANet steering group. We are sorry to lose his expertise and the steady guidance he has provided to the SG over the last 7 years and we would like to offer our warmest thanks for his contribution to the success of PICANet. Nominations will be invited at the next meeting for a new chair.

Sarah Skinner has joined the PICANet team to provide administrative support. You will have increasing amount of contact with Sarah as she updates your contact details, arranges meetings and sends out your validation reports.

A New Epidemiologist/ HSR Statistician is hopefully to be appointed shortly to work on analysis and reporting, dataset development and the initiation of new projects allied to PICANet.

Health Informatics and PICANet links with City University, London

The Centre for Health Informatics (CHI) at City University, London and PICANet now have collaborative links through the pan Thames PICANet Co-ordinator post. We hope this link between PICANet and CHI will add to PICANet's strength in meeting its core objectives in the future whilst ensuring that CHI's work builds local NHS links and further addresses commissioning requirements.

PCCMDS Update

The Paediatric Critical Care Minimum Dataset has been mandated for collection and return by trusts from 1st April 2008.

4th National Audit Project (NAP4) Major airway Complications in UK Anaesthetic, Critical Care and Emergency Department Care

The Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA) is undertaking a project to prospectively identify and review all major airway problems relating to anaesthesia, emergency and ICU care, over a one year period. This project, NAP4, will run from **1 Sept 2008 - 31 August 2009**. During that period all PICUs are invited, indeed strongly encouraged, to report all cases of **major complications of airway management** that they see. These may be cases that are admitted as a result of events outside PICU, or events that arise during a patient's stay on PICU. Further more detailed information on the project can be found at either the DAS (www.das.uk.com/natauditproject) or RCoA websites (www.rcoa.ac.uk) or directly from Tim Cook or Nick Woodall, co-leads for the project (tcook@rcoa.ac.uk).



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