
South West Audit of Critically Ill Children (SWACIC)



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WELCOME!

Welcome to the spring edition of the South West Audit of Critically Ill Children's newsletter. The audit of all children meeting critical illness criteria has now been underway in the South West for almost 10 years providing us with an accurate outline of service provision for sick children in our region. Electronic or hard copies of previous Annual reports are obtainable from Julie Henderson. Individual hospital reports will be produced for your Roadshows – please request a copy for your hospital if you do not have one.

REMEMBER Data collection has been ongoing since **November 2000 hence there is now a significant amount** of information about YOUR hospital activity regarding critically ill children which could provide you with the hard data you need for future service provision.

Please let the Audit Co-ordinator know your specific requirements and bespoke presentations or mini reports can be produced for you.

BACKGROUND

The South West Specialist Commissioning Group (SWSCG) continues to support the ongoing audit of children admitted to Intensive Care Units and to include children who meet agreed HDU criteria but do not necessarily receive "dedicated" intensive care. Funds are annually made available to ensure there is a salaried audit nurse in each of our regional hospitals.

With the advent of the Paediatric Critical Care Minimum Dataset (PCCMDS), which became mandatory in England from October 2007, SWACIC has dovetailed their data collection to work in parallel with this Department of Health initiative. This should enable many DGHs to quantify their HDU/ITU provision once Payment-by-Results is operational.

For the DoH document see link below:

<http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/dscn/dscn2007/DSCN%2001-2007%20V3.pdf?searchterm=paediatric+critical+care>

The audit has allowed future decisions regarding PICU and HDU national strategy to be based on accurate information and enhancing future service provision for all critically ill children. We now have designated paediatric beds in the majority of our hospitals. The audit also forms part of a national dataset in the future to enable inter-regional comparison.

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2009 AND 2010

As many of you know by now, Carol Maskrey left the post of Regional Audit Coordinator last year and Julie Henderson has taken up the role. There is currently a backlog of data and help has been sought to enter it in order that a 2008/09 Annual Report can be delivered by the summer.

It is hoped that the 2009/10 Annual Report will be completed by Christmas 2010. Apologies for the delay in producing these reports.

AUDIT NURSE FUNDING

2009/10

Funding for regional audit nurses has now been finalised for 2009/10 and will be sustained at the current level of 0.15 wte Band 5 nurse. A reminder to managers that these funds are not only to facilitate data collection time but also to attend related meetings and participation in validation exercises.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Thank you to those of you who have successfully sent all completed hard-copy forms via Royal Mail "Special Delivery" (an Audit Commission requirement). I have also received a number of forms via NHS.net email. A reminder of this email = juliehenderson1@nhs.net. This is the most secure and preferred method of data transfer – if you have still not been able to obtain your own nhs.net email address, more information can be found at: <https://www.nhs.net>

TRANSPORT FORMS

In order to provide an audit trail of critically ill child transfers being undertaken by DGH teams, a form is available for use. It is an A3 triplicate form detailing transfer details, parameters, critical incidents etc. Can you please make sure your staff and departments are aware of this form if they are not already? Copies of the form available from Julie Henderson.

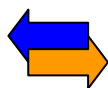
VALIDATION EXERCISE

As you know, this exercise should be performed annually with a neighbouring hospital. If you have not yet completed validations for 2007/8 and 08/09, these can be performed simultaneously with this year's. (Please contact SWACIC office for your list of patients). Julie will endeavour to ensure that all validation exercises are up to date by the end of the year.

MEETINGS

The most recent meeting of **Audit Nurses** was held on Friday 27th February 2009 in Bristol. Following the introduction of new forms to incorporate the Paediatric Critical Care Minimum dataset, most hospitals seem to be collecting this data without too many problems. Please make sure you have the most up-to-date forms when completing. Meeting minutes and new forms are available from Julie. A web-based form for data entry will hopefully be available on the PICU website later this year. The next Audit Nurse meeting will be held in Exeter prior to the SWAPIT meeting on 28th May 2010.

MEETINGS and COURSES



The last meeting of **SWAPIT** (South West Association of Paediatric Intensive Therapy) was hugely successful and took place on Friday 30th October 2009 in Bristol. This meeting is open to all disciplines caring for children around the region. The last meeting also included a stakeholder meeting for Paediatric High Dependency between clinicians and the SWSCG. Minutes and membership details are available from **0117 342 8843**.

The next SWAPIT meeting will be held on 28th May in Exeter.

PAEDIATRIC HDU COURSE

This popular 8 day course for nurses runs bi-annually between Bristol and Plymouth and is available to nurses caring for (or potentially caring for), sick children. For course details and places contact: Caroline Haines, Bev Cejer or Neil Bloxham.

SPLAT 2010



The **SPLAT** (Simulated Paediatric Life Support And Transport) take place 3 times a year. This one day course is based in the Simulator Centre and involves the practical aspects of stabilising the critically ill child. There are 20 medical and 8 nurse places available on each course. – places fill up rapidly so contact PICU office for details.

PICS 2010 This year's PICS meeting will be held in Manchester. More information will be available in due course from:

<http://www.ukpics.org.uk>

RETRIEVAL OUTREACH ROADSHOWS

If your hospital has not had a Roadshow for a year or more, please book early! 2 members of the PICU retrieval team +/- one of the PICU consultants and the SWACIC co-ordinator visit for half a day to discuss individual retrievals, regional policies and disseminate any tertiary issues. These days have included teaching from PICU staff on specific conditions such as: DKA management, meningococcal disease, bronchiolitis etc. If your hospital would like the teaching, a whole day is normally required.

For more information and to book a roadshow call: **0117 342 88**

PICANet

PICANet have been collecting data on all children admitted to PICUs in

the UK. They also enable all PICUs to collect the PCCMDS by issuing software. SWACIC have been submitting data to PICANet regarding our children admitted to general intensive care units for the last 6 years.

You can request individual data analysis and download their Annual report directly from PICANet.

www.picanet.org.uk

For SWACIC audit forms/annual reports/PICU referrals/advice/guidelines/ drug calculator and much, much more! Look up the PICU web-site: www.swretrieval.nhs.uk

Thanks to Carol!

A big thank you to Carol, who has undertaken the job of setting up and coordinating this regional audit for the past 9 years. She continues to be an enormous help to Julie and all in the SWACIC office send her their best wishes for the future.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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