

DIAGNOSTIC CODING



The importance of accurate **diagnostic coding** was highlighted at the PICANet Clinical Advisory Group meeting. **Accurate recording of the primary diagnosis is essential** to allow national and local reporting and to enable high quality data to be provided for research and clinical trials. The role of **clinical review** in confirming the allocation of an accurate primary diagnosis at discharge from PICU is recognised and to promote consistency it is strongly recommended that a senior doctor or nurse on each unit confirms that the correct clinical description and codes are recorded in the required fields on PIC discharge.

A primary diagnosis is required for all admission events

Definition: The primary diagnosis for this admission of the child to your unit as assessed and recorded in the child's notes. The primary diagnosis may only be confirmed during the child's stay on your unit. It may not be obvious at admission. For example a child might be admitted with apnoeas, the diagnosis for this admission is later confirmed as Bronchiolitis. In this case Bronchiolitis should be recorded as the Primary diagnosis for this admission.

Where there are multiple diagnoses, select just one as a primary diagnosis and code the others as 'Other reasons for admission to your unit'. Do not code the primary diagnosis for this admission to your unit as a procedure or a cause. Code the underlying condition that required that procedure.

Where type of admission to the unit is Planned – following surgery or Unplanned – following surgery at least one operation or procedure is required for this admission event.

Definition: Any operations and / or procedures performed during this admission to PIC or during the current hospital spell and relating to this admission to PIC.

Validation rules have been added to PICANet Web to ensure reporting of primary diagnosis for all admission events and operation and procedures when required.

STAFFING SURVEY 2014

The **staffing study** data collection took place the week commencing 17th November 2014. Thank you to 17 of the 35 units who have already returned their completed forms. Timely data return enables PICANet to analyse data and return queries promptly. Please help us to achieve a 100% return for 2014 and return your outstanding data immediately.

If you have any queries please contact **Caroline Lamming**, PICANet Research Nurse on **0116 2525414** or crl4@leicester.ac.uk

NEW STAFF MEMBER

PICANet are delighted to announce that **Sarah McLoughlin**, will be joining PICANet from the 5th January as our new **Research Assistant**, Sarah will be based in Leicester and will begin making validation visits in the coming months. **Welcome to the team Sarah!**

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The **PICANet dataset will be frozen at 12 midnight on 31st March 2015**; it is essential that all event data for the period 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2014 is completed and all validation queries resolved for inclusion in the annual report published in 2015.

PICANet is currently running the following two **Custom Audits**. Please note that collection of data for both of these audits is voluntary.

PICANet renal replacement therapy audit - While it is clear that the use of CRRT in critically ill children is increasing, very little is known about outcomes, modality, timing of initiation and a host of other parameters. To support Dr Claire Westrope and the PICS SG Renal Group, PICANet is piloting a custom audit for a new renal replacement therapy dataset, looking at paediatric patients who receive CRRT in PICUs in the UK and Ireland.

PICANet evaluation of Post cardiac Arrest Care in Kids (NET-PACK2) - PICANet along with Dr Barney Scholefield is running a custom audit of post cardiac arrest management. Collecting simple resuscitation variables and early proposed post cardiac arrest temperature management plans for PIC admissions following cardiac arrest.

If you are interested in participating in either of these custom audits or would like to enquire about a unit based custom audit, please contact the PICANet team on picanet@leeds.ac.uk.

PIC FAMILIES SURVEY 2015

PICANet is committed to identifying ways of achieving the best quality of care and outcome for critically ill children and to monitoring the Standards for the Care of the Critically Ill Children published by PICS (June 2010).

A European questionnaire measuring parent satisfaction in the paediatric intensive care unit (PICU) has been developed by Jos Latour of the Netherlands, now based in Plymouth. The **PIC Families Group**, whose members include nurses, doctors, a clinical psychologist and lay representatives have developed an English version of the EMPATHIC (EMpowerment of PArnts in THE Intensive Care) questionnaire to monitor the experience of parents and carers during the admission of their child to the paediatric intensive care unit across the UK and Ireland.

In order to gain an overview of British and Irish PICUs we would like **ALL units** to participate in this '**Survey of Parental Experience during the admission of your child to the paediatric intensive care unit (PICU)**'. During the months of **February and July 2015** units will be asked to distribute the questionnaire to the family of each child receiving care in PICU. An email has been sent to the lead clinician and nurse in all PICUs and we hope each unit will nominate a named person to coordinate the survey.

If you would like any further information please contact **Caroline Lamming**, PICANet Research Nurse on **0116 2525414** or crl4@leicester.ac.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The next **PICANet Steering Group Meeting** will be held in London on **Thursday 15th January 2015**. If you would like anything raised at this meeting please contact the PICANet team.

The next **PICANet Clinical Advisory Group Meeting** will be held in Birmingham on **Wednesday 4th March 2015**. If you would like anything raised at this meeting please contact the PICANet team.

The **26th Annual Meeting of the European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC 2015)** is being held on June 10th - 13th 2015 in Vilnius, Lithuania. For more information please visit: <http://espnec.kenes.com/>

CHRISTMAS

The PICANet team will be unavailable between Monday 22nd December 2014 and Monday 5th January 2015 for the Christmas holidays. Please email any issues or queries you may have in this time to picanet@leeds.ac.uk.

The PICANet team would like to wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Wonderful New Year!**

