



### PICANet Annual Meeting 2009

We are pleased to announce that this year's annual meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at Institute of Child Health, London. Please put the date in your diary and more details will follow or you can check our website for the latest information at www.picanet.org.uk

#### Training and Dissemination day

PICANet held a very successful training day in Leeds on 9<sup>th</sup> June and Leicester on 7<sup>th</sup> July and we would like to thank all the data collectors, audit nurses etc who attended. We have come away with some good ideas for improvement and we hope that we have been able to help several units with niggling queries they had. We are hoping to hold more training days in the future and we will keep you posted.

#### Action for Sick Children Conference

"A Celebration of Platt" 1959-2009 Past – Present – Future

19 November 2009 (9 am – 4 pm) University of Manchester

Presentation of The Norah Rees Award CPD points available. Early booking recommended <u>website</u>

#### PICANet and Swine Flu Admissions

We want to ensure that we flag all children admitted to PIC with swine flu on the PICANet database and we hope you will be able to assist with this. We are not asking for any additional data but that you record 'swine flu' in the free-text diagnosis field with the coding for Flu as normal using the clinical coder. As a cross check I will be attaching a word document with the validation reports for you to record the admissions for that month. If you have any queries at all please contact <u>s.skinner@leeds.ac.uk</u>

#### New Member of the PICANet Team

We would like to welcome Adrian Ashley to the PICANet team. Adrian is our new database manager and you can contact him directly with all your database queries at <u>a.ashley@leeds.ac.uk</u> or otherwise the usual e mail address will reach the whole team.

#### **PICANet Meeting Dates**

PICANet Clinical Advisory Group – 15/09/09 City University London

PICANet Steering Group – 26/10/09 Leicester

PICANet Annual Meeting – 12/11/09 Institute of Child Health London

#### **PICANet National Report**

Many thanks to all unit staff involved in submitting the data for 2008 and meeting the deadlines set. We have finally completed the task of drawing the data together and this, along with several interesting chapters contributed by various PICANet colleagues, will soon be available to view on the PICANet website.

#### Centre for Maternal and Child Enquiries (CMACE) announce their new enquiry

The Centre for Maternal and Child Enquiries (previously the Confidential Enquiry into Maternal and Child Health (CEMACH)) aim to improve the health of mothers, babies and children by carrying out confidential enquiries and related work on a nationwide basis and by widely disseminating our findings and recommendations.

The latest enquiry into Head Injury in Children will run from 2009-2012 in England, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. http://www.cmace.org.uk/Programmes/Child/Head-Injury-in-Children.aspx

#### **PICANet Presentations**

In June, Roger Parslow was invited to speak to the national clinical audit advisory group (NCAAG) of the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme, about PICANet, it's origins, structure and outputs. A key message communicated to this group was that PICANet's success is dependent on the hard work of dedicated PICU staff who supply us with good quality data.

See Liz Draper at the PICS 2009 annual conference in Cambridge (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> September) talking about PICANet.



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