

Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network



**Season's
Greetings!**

PICU Staffing Study 2009 - A study of occupancy & nursing and medical staffing provision

The annual staffing study facilitates the monitoring and analysing of staffing levels within PICUs. All units have been asked to collect data during the week commencing December 7th 2009. Information is being collected on the nursing and medical establishment, other professionals working on PICU, and also details of staffing levels at four specific 'snapshot' time periods.

Data collection forms have been sent to the PICANet clinical lead and the senior nurse in all PICUs.

Please ensure that all completed forms are returned to the PICANet Leicester Office by Friday December 18th 2009. Contact Caroline Lamming for further information.

The Refractory Convulsive Status Epilepticus Study

PICANet are coordinating the collection of data for this important study, funded by the Epilepsy Research Foundation, into the incidence, aetiology, treatment and outcome of children admitted to PICU in refractory convulsive status epilepticus. Recruitment of cases for the study began in January 2008 and concludes on

December 31st 2009.

Twenty-one units originally agreed to take part and we hope that all participating units will ensure that questionnaires are completed for children who fulfil the inclusion criteria for the study. In order to collect the total numbers of cases required for the study it is very important that we recruit all possible cases. Please contact Caroline Lamming (crl4@leicester.ac.uk) with any queries.

PICANet Annual Meeting 2009

The 2009 Annual Meeting took place on the 12th November at the Institute of Child Health in London. Thank you to everyone that attended on the day. A selection of slides from the presentations can be viewed at <http://www.picanet.org.uk/meetings.html>

A big thank you also to anyone that submitted feedback forms; your comments are greatly appreciated and will be helpful in the planning of future events. If you wish to make comment on the day and have not yet done so, please contact Andrew Shearing.

As soon as we have details of the 2010 event, you will all be informed.

PICANet Meeting Date

PICANet Clinical Advisory Group (CAG)
11th March 2010 – Venue TBC

If you would like anything to be raised at this meeting, please contact one of the representatives or a PICANet team member.

CMACE recruiting panel assessors

CMACE (Centre for Maternal and Child Enquiries) are looking to recruit professionals who currently practice at a senior level in an NHS organisation to become panel assessors for the confidential enquiry into head injury in children.

CMACE are currently collecting six months of data on children who as a result of a head injury are transferred and/or admitted to hospital. Children who die as a result of their injuries are also included. Confidential enquiry panels will review a sample of 300 cases between July 2010 – September 2011 across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The confidential enquiry panels seek to review care against current guidance (e.g. NICE) and determine the associated outcome for the child with head injury. Panel assessors carry out a review of the case notes to assess where, how and why standards of care may not have been met and what the potential impact might have been. Panels also seek to identify avoidable factors and highlight good practice.

For further information on the project, the role of panel assessors and how you can apply please click [here](#). Further information can also be found on their website www.cmace.org.uk. Alternatively please email headinjury@cmace.org.uk or telephone 020 7467 3223.

2009 Annual Report

In August this year, the sixth Annual PICANet report was published.

This can be viewed in full as a .pdf document downloadable from our website or if you prefer to just view the tables and figures, these can be

viewed as a Microsoft Excel document through the site.

PICANet contact change

The PICANet team at the University of Leeds has been joined by Andrew Shearing while Sarah Skinner is on maternity leave. Our best wishes go out to Sarah and family.

Andrew can be contacted on 0113 343 8125 or by email on a.r.shearing@leeds.ac.uk. Please contact Andrew if you require data collection forms or information leaflets.

Information/Data requests

If there is any information or data that you feel PICANet could supply to help you with your research, please download and submit the Research Request Forms from the website or contact Andrew Shearing. You can find an up-to-date list of such research requests on the PICANet website.

We would like to remind you that we are unable to supply any patient identifiable data in line with the Data Protection Act (1998). This also pertains to individuals who can be identified by virtue of belonging to small subgroups, for example those with a rare diagnosis. For advice on this and other issues, please contact the PICANet team.



*The PICANet Team
Would like to thank
everyone for their hard
work throughout 2009.*



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