

Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network

Retirement of Patricia McKinney

In July 2010, Patricia McKinney, Principal Investigator and one of the founder members of PICANet announced her retirement. Professor McKinney has made a substantial contribution to the intellectual and practical development of this successful national audit.

Below, she reflects on the development of PICANet and her relationship with clinical and academic colleagues:

“Retirement is an exciting prospect with a new phase of life to enjoy and look forward to. However, it is also a time of ‘looking back’ over the years and PICANet has certainly played a starring role for me in the last 10 years. Since the embryonic form of PICANet was first discussed in 2000 it has blossomed into a major force in the field of clinical audit in the UK.

There have been obvious benefits to children and families’ receiving paediatric intensive care and it is great to see the PICS standards in print, strongly facilitated by information from PICANet! PICANet would never have got off the ground without the enormous dedication of a range of clinical staff in the units and those who have served on PICANet groups and committees; it has been a pleasure to have worked with in this setting.

One of the aspects I shall miss most about PICANet will be the colleagues and friends from the team itself. We have all worked together in a highly productive collaboration, coping with highs and lows, frustrations and successes. The strength of the team will guide PICANet through into the future; I know it is in capable hands!

My best wishes, Tricia”

We hope you will all join us in wishing Tricia all the best for the future.

PICANet staff changes

The PICANet team has been joined by two new team members.

Lee Norman has joined as the new Database manager based at the University of Leeds. If you have any PICANet database queries, please contact Lee, his details can be found at the bottom of the newsletter.

Rachel Hobson has joined as the new Research Assistant and is based at the University of Leicester working with Caroline Lamming.

With the appointment of Rachel PICANet will be recommencing annual validation visits. Caroline and Rachel will plan a programme of annual visits to all units.

Andrew Shearing will be shortly taking up a new position at the University of Leeds and his work for PICANet will reduce. We will ensure that adequate cover is provided. We look forward to welcoming back Sarah Skinner at some point in the future and will keep you all informed when there are any further changes.

PICANet Annual Meeting 2010

Just to remind everyone that the 2010 PICANet Annual Meeting will be on October 14th at the West Midlands Perinatal Institute in Birmingham. If you have not yet registered and would like to attend, please contact [Andrew Shearing](#).

The day will be running between 10.30 (with registration and refreshments from 10.00) and finish at 4.00. In addition to presentations from the clinical community, there will also be a presentation from members of PICANet on the new web based reporting system and also the referral and transport data collection.

Should you wish to have any further information about the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact PICANet. The programme for the day can be found on the PICANet website.

PICANet Annual Report

Thank you all for your hard work in getting data to us for the 2010 Annual Report. This has been completed and can be downloaded from our website. As before, the full report can be downloaded as a .pdf with the tables and charts also available separately as an Excel spreadsheet.

Please note that the SMRs for Evelina Children’s Hospital for 2007 - 2008 are based on data submitted that contains a systematic error. The unit is addressing this issue and we will provide a correction as soon as possible. Please do not use or cite these figures until amended.

Web Development

Progress is being made with the new PICANet web development and retrievals system. Database Manager Lee Norman is working on this with the help of Martin Perkins and Tom Fleming and we will have a demonstration of reporting from the new web system at our Annual Meeting in October. We hope to have the new system piloted in selected units in December.

Annual Staffing Study

The collection of nursing and medical staffing data in all PICUs will be repeated in November 2010. As before data collection forms will be sent to the senior nurse and lead clinician in each unit. If you would prefer the forms to be sent directly to a named person with responsibility for staffing on the PICU, please inform Caroline Lamming by email.

A report on the data collected during December 2009 is included in the current PICANet Annual Report.

Dates for your diary

PICANet Annual Meeting 2010
14th October 2010
West Midlands Perinatal Institute.

PICANet Steering Group Meeting
2nd November 2010
Royal Statistical Society
Errol Street, London.

PICANet Families Sub Group Meeting
10th November 2010
University of Leicester.

If you would like anything raised at either the Clinical Advisory or Steering Group Meetings, please contact one of the group representatives or the PICANet team. A full list of members of these groups can be found on the PICANet website or in our Annual Report.

Palliative Care

'Palliative care discharge from paediatric intensive care units in Great Britain' has been published in print form in Palliative Medicine. This paper has produced in collaboration with PICANet and Martin House Children's Hospice in Yorkshire. The paper can be viewed on the Sage publications website here: <http://0-pmj.sagepub.com.wam.leeds.ac.uk/content/24/6/608.full.pdf+html>

Information and 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 a Data or Information Request Form from our website or contact [Andrew Shearing](#). An up to date list of the type of data we have been asked to supply can be downloaded from the 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.

Paediatric Research Society Meeting

The second joint scientific meeting between the Paediatric Research Society and the British Association of General Paediatrics will take place on the 8th and 9th November 2010 at the Worsley Park Marriot Hotel, Worsley Park, Manchester.

For more information, please contact Stephen Playfor (Stephen.playfor@cmft.nhs.uk) or look on the PRS website <http://www.prs.nhs.uk>. Abstracts will be selected for oral or poster presentation. The closing date to submit these is the 18th October.

Data for 2010

To avoid delays in the publication of next year's annual report, please could you ensure that data are returned as soon as possible so you do not have a backlog.



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