

Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network

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PICANet Funding

PICANet are pleased to announce that the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) have approved the funding of PICANet for a further 3 years to 2015 under the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme (NCAPOP).



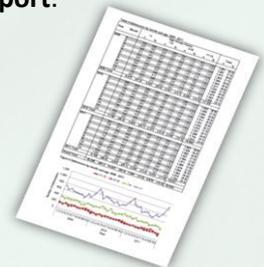
For more information on HQIP and the clinical audits they fund visit www.hqip.org.uk/ncapop-library.

PICANet 2013 Annual Report

The PICANet team would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their hard work in getting each units completed data in by the March deadline for inclusion in the **2013 Annual Report**.

The PICANet 2013 Annual Report will be published in autumn 2013.

For a copy of last year's annual report visit www.picanet.org.uk.



Children Admitted to PICU After they have Died

Very rarely a child is admitted to PICU after they have died; this may be done to provide comfort to the parents, or to allow a brain- stem dead child to be admitted as a donor.

Concern has been expressed about the effect of this on unit mortality figures. It is not reasonable to attribute such cases as death on PICU.

To avoid this happening, the following steps should be taken. Firstly, record date and time of death from the death certification details, as prior to those of admission. Then enter a note in the comments field and inform **PICANet** that you have done this on 0113 343 8125 or email picanet@leeds.ac.uk.

We will then ensure that the child is excluded from calculations of SMR. We may contact the unit for confirmation. In 2010 - 2012 two children had date and time of death prior to those of admission; on checking one was confirmed as having been admitted dead and so was omitted from analysis of mortality, whilst the other was an error.

The above applies where a child is certified dead on admission. Where a child is admitted alive but expected to die they should be treated as any other admission: the probability of dying should be accounted for by the risk adjustment.

For more information, contact Phil McShane on p.mcshane@leeds.ac.uk or 0113 343 8304.

PICANet Web Database

PICANet would like to apologise for the problems we have been facing with **Export function of PICANet Web**. The export allows you to download your organisation's data for local use and analysis. PICUs can also download PCCMDS data. This function is now **live** again for you to export your units' event

data, however, please be patient with the system as it may take some time to process your information.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the PICANet Web database please contact Lee Norman at l.j.norman@leeds.ac.uk or call 0113 343 8125.

Liquitab Ingestion

Dishwasher and washing machine "**liquitabs**" are now a common finding in most homes. These contain cleansing agents which are strongly alkaline which can cause a severe airway or oesophageal injury if bitten or swallowed. The "liquitabs" are often highly coloured and attractive to young children. They are sold in non-child safe containers.

Following a recent run of cases requiring airway intervention and Paediatric Critical Care support, Doctors at **Glasgow's Royal Hospital for Sick Children** are keen to prospectively assess the incidence of this problem. A public health campaign is about to begin to raise awareness and provide solutions.

For more information on this campaign visit the **PICANet** website www.picanet.org.uk or contact Dr Mark Davidson on Mark.Davidson3@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

Dates for your Diary

PICANet Web Training Workshop taking place on **Wednesday 22nd May 2013** at the University of Leeds. Places are limited; please email Jodie Batchelor on j.a.batchelor@leeds.ac.uk for availability and more information.

The next **PICANet Steering Group Meeting** will be held in London on **Monday 10th June 2013** and the next **PICANet Clinical Advisory Group Meeting** will be held in Birmingham on **Wednesday 18th September 2013**. If you would like anything raised at either meeting please contact one of the group representatives or the PICANet team. A full list of Steering Group and Clinical Advisory Group members can be found on the PICANet website – www.picanet.org.uk.

The **10th PICANet Annual Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday 13th November 2013** at University Hospitals **Bristol Education Centre**. To register for your **free** place email Jodie Batchelor at: j.a.batchelor@leeds.ac.uk.

The 24th Annual Congress of the European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC) will take place on 12th-15th June 2013 in Rotterdam. For more information visit: www.espnice-online.org.

27th Paediatric Intensive Care Society Congress will take place on 25th – 27th September 2013 at the Royal College of Surgeons, London. For more information visit: www.picsmeeting.com.

Meningitis and Septicaemia in Children and Adults 2013 will take place on 5th - 6th November 2013 at the Royal Society of Medicine, London. For more information visit: www.meningitis.org/conference2013.

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