



A NEW LOOK FOR PICANet



You may have noticed a few changes with the look of PICANet over the last few weeks. We decided it was time for a bit of a face lift and PICANet took the opportunity at this year's Annual Meeting to launch its brand new logo and website! One of the new additions is the Data Request Form which can now be filled in electronically online, making the process much quicker and easier for all!

Please take a look around the new site at www.picanet.org.uk and let us know what you think.

PICANet 2013 ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDED BY OVER 100 DELEGATES

The **PICANet 2013 Annual Meeting** was held on Wednesday 13th November in Bristol, over 100 delegates attended from across the paediatric intensive care and wider health community.

The audience heard an overview of the latest findings from the PICANet annual report and future developments for the audit including data on referrals and transport to intensive care and new outcome measures such as ventilator free days.



Guest speakers reported on a project to use PICANet data to follow up children who had cardiac surgery in infancy, a system for gaining information on early life congenital anomalies through reporting cards for surgeons, and a study to understand more about the treatment given to children with refractory convulsive status epilepticus, amongst other relevant topics.

Abstracts of the talks and copies of selected presentations can be found on the [PICANet website](http://www.picanet.org.uk).

STAFFING SURVEY NOVEMBER 2013

This year the staffing survey took place during the week commencing November 18th. Thank you to the 9 units who returned completed data collection forms by November 29th. Timely returns assist PICANet in following up queries promptly prior to analysis of the data.

If you have not yet returned your staffing forms please do so as soon as possible, we are once again hoping to achieve a one hundred percent return.

ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED

The tenth **PICANet Annual Report** on activity and outcomes in paediatric intensive care services throughout the UK and Ireland is available to **download** free from the [PICANet website](#).



Read the **BBC News** article here: [BBC News Article](#)

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

PICANet are delighted to announce that **Sarah Fleming**, Senior Research Fellow at the University of Leeds joined the PICANet team in October, and we have another new team member joining us in January, **Alun Evans**, Medical Statistician at the University of Leicester. You can read more about the **PICANet team** and what we do on the team page of our website - [PICANet Team](#).

PICANet ADMISSION DATASET UPDATE

1. Coding of Operations and procedures performed during this admission - where the type of admission is **Planned - following surgery** or **Unplanned - following surgery** users will be required to code at least one operation or procedure for the admission event.

Definition: Any operation and/or procedures performed during admission or immediately prior to this admission to PICU.

E.g. a trachea-oesophageal fistula repair performed for oesophageal atresia.

This change to the dataset has been agreed by the Clinical Advisory Group and will be implemented on **January 1st 2014**. A validation query will be added to PICANet web if a code is not recorded.


2. High flow nasal oxygen - The Chapter XB Paediatric Critical Care Expert Working Group have agreed that high flow nasal cannula oxygen should be recorded as **Supplemental oxygen therapy (irrespective of ventilatory state)** on the daily interventions record and NOT as Non-invasive ventilatory support.

3. PICANet are currently seeking confirmation of the PIM3 definitions prior to addition to the dataset.

PICANet are aware that changes to the dataset impact on staff collecting the data and may also require amendments to unit clinical information systems. All changes to the PICANet dataset are agreed by the Clinical Advisory Group and the Steering Group prior to implementation and PICANet will always allow a lead time for units to introduce the agreed changes.

If you have any queries regarding these changes please contact **Caroline Lamming** on **0116 252 5414**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The next **PICANet Clinical Advisory Group Meeting** will be held in Birmingham on **Wednesday 26th March 2014**. If you would like anything raised at this meeting please contact the PICANet team.

The **25th Annual Congress of ESPNIC**, in conjunction with the 5th Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Societies – EAPS will be held on **Friday 17th October 2014** in Barcelona, Spain.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!



Lastly the PICANet team would like to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**