

Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network

PICANet Annual Meeting 2011

**Thackray Museum, Leeds
Tuesday 11th October.**

**Attendance is free and
everyone will be welcome.**

Spaces are still available, to register your place please contact [Sarah Skinner](#). The final programme will be circulated shortly.

society of Ireland in Galway was awarded the Kate Flynn Prize for Critical Care Case History Presentation.

Data requests should be made using the PICANet Data and Information Request form which can be found at the bottom of the Documentation page on the PICANet website [click here](#).

PICANet Data Export.

It's hard to believe that we are already over half way through 2011. We would like to take this opportunity to remind units that regular submission of data to PICANet ensures timely validation reports. If you are experiencing problems with exporting data then please let us know.

PICANet Web Pilot

The pilot ran for two weeks in June. PICANet would like to thank the 11 piloting units for taking time out to test the new web based system. The pilot enabled PICANet to test data entry across the network with multiple users. Comments have been fed back to the IT team and as a result a few minor amendments have been made. The system is due to be launched in the autumn.

PICANet Referral & Transport Data

The final dataset has been agreed and the new forms have been printed. Data collection will be implemented at the same time as the new web system goes live. Further information including the data definitions manual will be sent to all units in the near future.

PICANet Annual Report 2011

The annual report has been submitted to HQIP. The report is due to be published in the early autumn.

200th PICANet Data Request Received

Over 200 data requests have been submitted to PICANet. The PICANet dataset is a resource available to all and the variety of requests reflects this. Data request uses range from in-house treatment of specific diagnosis to data for publications. In October 2010 data used in an oral presentation at the meeting of the Intensive care

22nd ESPNIC Medical and Nursing Annual Congress 2011 November 2-5, 2011 Hannover, Germany

PICANet recently submitted four abstracts for the Hannover meeting and are delighted to report three of the abstracts have been accepted for a 15 minute oral presentation and one as a poster with an oral presentation.

We would really like to hear of any other successes. If your abstract has been accepted then please let [Sarah Skinner](#) know.

Children's Long Term Ventilation National Conference 2011, Theory and Practice -10th October 2011

The one day conference will take place at the National Heart and Lung institute, Dovehouse Street, SW3 6LY. Professor Andrew Bush, Dr. Ian Laing and Dr. Margaret Branthwaite will be delivering the Key Note talk 'The ethics of tracheostomy in life limiting conditions'. There will also be an opportunity to present challenging cases to the expert panel. On Tuesday 11th October a half day workshop will be taking place (limited availability). Poster information and Registration forms can be found on the PICANet website www.picanet.org.uk

First announcement of Meningitis Research Foundation Conference 2011

Bookings are now being taken for the Meningitis Research Foundation's Conference 'Meningitis and Septicaemia in Children and Adults 2011', taking place at the Royal Society of Medicine in London on 8 and 9 November 2011. For further information click [Meningitis Conference 2011](#)

Quantifying High Dependency Care: A prospective cohort study in Yorkshire.

The attached paper on High Dependency Care in Yorkshire is now in print. [Click here](#)
(Eur J Paediatr 2011(DOI)10.1007/s00431-011-14759)

6th World Congress on Paediatric Critical Care, Sydney, March 2011

Caroline Lamming and Phil McShane were privileged to join over 1200 delegates attending the World Congress, held at the Sydney Conference Centre, situated in the wonderful waterfront location of Darling Harbour.

As PICANet representatives we joined clinicians and nurses flying out from many UK and Eire PICUs and delegates from many countries around the world. Many of the Japanese delegates did not arrive due to the major earthquake and tsunami which occurred just before the conference.

The Congress opened with performances from the Australian National Youth Choir and a didgeridoo player in aboriginal costume who also spoke of his experience as a parent of children admitted to PICU. There were also speeches from the congress organisers and the President of the World Federation of Paediatric Critical Care who spoke about the need to consider paediatric critical care within a global context, and also causative factors which may lead to admission to paediatric intensive care, particularly child health promotion and prevention of injury.

There was a wide range of presentations considering improvements, innovations and outcomes in paediatric critical care. The sessions were divided into ten themes running concurrently including breathing, circulation, psychosocial, injury, nursing quality and risk, infection and immunity and also hormones and feeding. In addition to the oral presentations there were there were posters, e- lunch time mini- oral

presentations and electronic posters which continue to be available via the website at <http://www.pcc2011.com/program.asp>
PICANet contributed to 6 presentations/posters on topics such as data quality, CPR, long stay patients, tracheostomy and the importance of lactate in predicting mortality.

Some of the main presentations were set as debates. Frank Shann, Director of Paediatric Intensive Care in Melbourne argued that outcomes in PICU have not really improved over the last 20 years; there has been a reduction in death but an apparent increase in disability/morbidity. Other debates considered the PICU workforce and the psychological outcomes for the child and family following PICU admission. The conference provided a forum for discussion about issues faced within paediatric intensive care around the world; also opportunities to make new contacts and develop collaboration within the PIC community, both from home and abroad.

Travelling to Sydney and attending this event was a great privilege.

The next World Congress will be held in Istanbul in 2014.

Dates for your diary

**A Joint Meeting between PICS and PCICS
Europe
21-23 September 2011
Cambridge, UK**

**PICANet Annual Meeting 2011
11th October 2011
Leeds**

**PICANet Clinical Advisory Group Meeting
26th October, 2011
Leicester**

**PICANet Steering Group Meeting
16th November 2011
London**

If you would like anything raised at the Clinical Advisory Meeting, 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.



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