

Annual Meeting 2005 and 2006...

The PICANet 2005 AGM was held on Tuesday 24 May 2005 at the Royal Statistical Society in London. The day was well attended by representatives from PICUs, paediatric intensive care commissioning bodies, the Department of Health and the PICANet Steering Group and Clinical Advisory Group.

We hope that those of you who attended found it an interesting and worthwhile day. Thank you to those of you who completed the evaluation form.

One decision has already been taken as a result of your comments. Many of you, from outside the London area, felt that the location of the AGM should be alternated between London and a more northerly venue. As a result, we are hoping to hold next year's meeting in Manchester.

30 Day Follow-up

We are aware that collecting information on the status of children 30 days post discharge isn't easy and can be very time consuming. In some cases people are also unsure about the best way of obtaining this information.

Two important points to remember are:

- **that it is not necessary to collect this information for children discharged to their 'Normal residence'.**

and

- **that we do not advise you to contact the child's family directly.**

Below are our suggestions of possible means of obtaining the information:

- If the child was discharged to a ward within your hospital or another hospital try contacting the ward staff by 'phone, email or letter.
- Another possibility would be to contact the medical records department within your hospital or the discharge hospital.
- You could also try contacting the child's GP surgery by phone or in writing.

There is an option to record 'NK' if the information cannot be found.

Validation Visits

The latest round of validation visits is well under way. Those units scheduled to receive a visit in late summer or early autumn will now have received notification of our proposed visit date. It would be a great help if you could let us know as soon as possible whether the suggested date is convenient, so that if necessary an alternative can be arranged.

www.picanet.org.uk

The website has recently been updated; amongst other new features you can now download many of our documents, including:

- **National Report**
- **Data Collection Forms**
- **Patient Information Leaflets**
- **AGM Presentations**

Information/ Data Requests

If there is any research that you feel PICANet could assist with, please download the Research Request Forms from the website or contact Gill Ryder (0114 2220769 or g.ryder@sheffield.ac.uk). You can also find an up to date list of research requests on the website.

New Software

Hopefully you have installed the new PICANet software without difficulty. If you have experienced any problems with the installation please let us know. You are required to complete all fields for patients admitted on or after 1 May 2005. For patients admitted prior to 1 May, it is not necessary to complete the new variables (although they will be highlighted for your information).

Clinical Advisory Group and Steering Group

The dates for the next meetings are:

Steering Group: 15 November in Leeds

Clinical Advisory Group: 27 September in Sheffield

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



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