

**PICANet Team News**

Since its inception in 2002, PICANet has been run jointly by the three Universities of Leicester, Leeds and Sheffield.

In February, Gareth Parry, the Principal Investigator based in Sheffield left to take up the post of Director of Quality Measurement & Analysis at Boston Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School. Partly as a result of this, from October 2006, PICANet will be run by staff solely based in Leicester and Leeds. This means the staff based at Sheffield will no longer be involved with PICANet. Gill Ryder and Tim Chater will be leaving PICANet at the end of June and Sam Jones will stay in post until the end of October.

Angie Willshaw has been employed in Leeds to take over the administration of the project and a new research nurse will be taken on in Leicester sometime in the Autumn.

Unfortunately, all the staff changes mean that the team are unable to carry out any validation visits at present.

Please contact Angie (see below) to order data collection forms and information leaflets.

**National Report**

This year's PICANet National Report covers the two year period January 2004 - December 2005 and presents data on over 28,000 PICU admissions.

For the first time the individual NHS trusts are identified in this report.

A new chapter presents data on individual children who have been admitted to a PICU on more than one occasion. There is also a clinical chapter, written in collaboration with Mark Darowski and Roddy O'Donnell, on children under one year admitted to a PICU with acute respiratory failure.

The report will be distributed mid June and all recipients of this newsletter will automatically be sent a copy.

**Annual Meeting**

The 2006 PICANet annual meeting will be held at the Perinatal Institute in Birmingham, on Thursday 29 June.

Presentations will include:

Children admitted to PICUs in the UK with burns (regional response to the Options Sub-Group Report: 'Stratification of Burn Care Services')

Dr Peter Davies, Bristol Royal Children's Hospital

Acute respiratory failure in children < 1 year

Dr Mark Darowski, Leeds General Infirmary

Dr Roddy O'Donnell, Addenbrooke's Hospital

Development of paediatric critical care health care resource groups (HRGs)

Dr Kevin Morris, Birmingham Children's Hospital

The Control of Hyperglycaemia in Paediatric intensive care (The CHIP Trial)

Dr Duncan Macrae, the Royal Brompton Hospital

SDO Staffing Study: The impact of changing workforce patterns in UK paediatric intensive care services on staff practice and patient outcomes

Dr Elizabeth Draper, PICANet

New projects relating to PICANet

Professor Tricia McKinney, PICANet

A limited number of places are still available for units that have not yet replied (or who require extra spaces). Please contact Angie Willshaw on 0113 343 8125/A.Willshaw@leeds.ac.uk

**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 Angie Willshaw (0113 343 8125/A.Willshaw@leeds.ac.uk). You can also find an up-to-date list of research requests on the PICANet website.

**Clinical Advisory Group and Steering Group**

The dates for the next meetings are:

Clinical Advisory Group: 13 September 2006 (Leeds)

Steering Group: 26 September 2006 (Leicester)

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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