

Research Window

Stressful intensive care unit medical crises: How individual responses impact on team performance

The researchers conducted semi-structured interviews with 32 intensive care clinicians to determine their perceptions regarding the factors that lead to stress responses and performance impairments during ICU medical crises. Thematic analysis found that individual distress reactions to ICU crises occurred in the presence of unexpectedly high demands unmatched by appropriate resources and were contagious among other team members. Given the high uncertainty surrounding many ICU medical crises, strategies aimed at preventing distress contagion among ICU health professionals may improve team performance and individual well-being.

CHEST: Volume 37(4), April 2009, pp 1251-1255

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Available at CIAP

Pain assessment tools for unconscious or sedated intensive care patients: a systematic review.

The aim of this review was to describe instruments developed for pain assessment in unconscious or sedated intensive care patients. The authors provide extensive details regarding the review process. Five tools were found however all were relatively new with little evidence of psychometric testing.

Source: Journal of Advanced Nursing: 65(5) 946-956

Authors: Sanna-Mari Pudas-Ta'hka, Anna Axelin, Riku Aantaa, Vesa Lund & Sanna Salanterä

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez>

Available at CIAP

Evidence-based practice

Post-Cardiac Arrest Syndrome: Epidemiology, Pathophysiology, Treatment, and Prognostication A Consensus Statement From the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (American Heart Association, Australian and New Zealand)

Source: Resuscitation 2008 Dec;79(3):350-79. Epub 2008 Oct 28.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/18963350?ordinalpos=4&itool=EntrezSystem2.PEntrez.Pubmed.Pubmed_ResultsPanel.Pubmed_DefaultReportPanel.Pubmed_RVDocSum

NSWHealth SABS

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/quality/sabs/index.html>

Education

7th Spark of Life Conference

April 30-May 4 2009, Hobart, Tasmania

Australian Resuscitation Council

Web: <http://www.resus.org.au/>

RPAH Intensive care - High Dependency Seminar

13 May 2009

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ITIM RNSH Trauma Evening

May 14 2009

Free registration

Details available at ITIM website

<http://www.itim.nsw.gov.au/go/news/trauma-evening-rnsh>

ACCCN - ICE 2009

29th - 30th May 2009

The Hotel Grand Chancellor, HOBART, TAS

Web: www.acccn.com.au

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2nd International Symposium on Extra Corporeal Support in Critical Care

24th - 25th July 2009

Grand Hyatt Hotel, MELBOURNE, VIC

Web: <http://www.ecmo.com.au/>

POW & St George - ICU Nursing Symposium

Friday 7th August

Edmund Blackett Building, POW

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Flyer available at <http://intensivecare.hsnet.nsw.gov.au/current/node/328>

3rd International Conference on Safety Quality Audit & Outcomes. Research in Intensive Care

6th - 7th August 2009

Milennium Hotel, QUEENSTOWN, NZ

Web:

<http://anzics.com.au/conference.asp?Section=sqo09>

9th Rural Critical Care Conference

21-22 August 2009 Wagga Wagga NSW

<http://www.ruralcriticalcare.asn.au/index.php>

10th Congress of the World Federation of Societies of Intensive & Critical Care Medicine

28th August - 1st September 2009

Florence, ITALY

Web: <http://www.wfsiccm-florence2009.it/en/index.php>

Critical Care Echo

29 August 2009 - Rapid Assessment Cardiac Echo

30-31 August 2009 - Advanced Echo Workshop

1 September 2009 - Reporting Workshop

Web: <http://www.nepeanicu.org/main.html>

7th Australasian Conference on Safety & Quality in Healthcare

6th - 9th September 2009

Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre,

Darling Harbour, SYDNEY, NSW

Web: <http://www.aaqhc2009.org.au>

7th International Conference for Emergency Nurses

7th - 10th October 2009

Jupiters Casino, GOLD COAST, QLD

Web: <http://www.cdesign.com.au/cena2009/>

NECSS Care of the Critically Ill

Tamworth West Diggers Oct 22-23

Cost \$150 for seminar, \$26 for dinner

Contact : ICCMU 02 4734 1585

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ACCCN / ANZICS ASM

29th - 31st October 2009

Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre, PERTH, WA

Web: <http://www.intensivecareasm.com.au/content/view/112/144/>

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