

News

And this weeks contribution comes from.....

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Breaking the Chain of Infection and Preventing Cross-Contamination

<http://www.infectioncontrolday.com/articles/chain-of-infection-cross-contamination.html#>

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Hornsby ICU Northern Sydney NSW

Hornsby ICU have put together a comprehensive 'Rhythm Interpretation' Package. The file is quite large so I have placed it at the Website. All ICUConnect contributions are on this page. Many thanks to Wanda and the Hornsby Group. Use this link to access the SDL

<http://intensivecare.hsnet.nsw.gov.au/current/clinicians/news/icuconnect/hospital>

Research Window

Critical care physician cognitive task analysis: an exploratory study

Fackler, Watts, Grome, Miller, Crandall and Pronovost

Critical Care 2009, 13:R33doi:10.1186/cc7740

<http://ccforum.com/content/13/2/R33>

This study explored the use of cognitive task analysis (CTA) techniques, most commonly used in other high-stress and time-sensitive environments, to analyse key cognitive activities in critical care medicine. The study objective was to assess the usefulness of CTA as an analytical tool in order that physician cognitive tasks may be understood and redistributed within the work-hour limited medical decision-making teams. An ethnographic methodology was used and included interviews and observations of physicians and nurses in two ICUs. Five broad categories of cognitive activities were identified: pattern recognition; uncertainty management; strategic vs. tactical thinking; team coordination and maintenance of common ground; and creation and transfer of meaning through stories.

Prevention and treatment of incontinence-associated dermatitis: literature review

Dimitri Beeckman 1 , Lisette Schoonhoven 2 , Sofie Verhaeghe 3 , Alexander Heyneman 4 & Tom Defloor 5

Journal of Advanced Nursing: 65(6): 1141-1154

Incontinence-associated skin problems are not uncommon in intensive care. This paper, while not specifically about intensive care, reviews the state of the evidence regarding this particularly nasty patient problem.

Evidence-based Practice

A number of studies have indicated that Pain is poorly managed in intensive care. April's issue of Chest includes a series of articles looking into a number of issues starting with an editorial

- 1 - Progress Toward Eliminating Inadequately Managed Pain in the ICU Through Interdisciplinary Care [Curtis N. Sessler.]
- 2 - Evaluation of Pain in ICU Patients" (see page 1069) by Puntillo and coworkers
- 3 - Pain Management Principles in the Critically Ill" (see page 1075) by Erstad and colleagues.

Subsequent issues will include the following articles: "

- 4 - Mularski R, Puntillo K, Varkey B, et al. Pain management within the palliative and end-of-life care experience in the ICU. Chest 2009 (in press)
- 5 - Pasero C, Puntillo K, Li D, et al. Structured approaches to pain management in the ICU. Chest 2009 (in press)

6 - Gilbert H, Erstad BL, Puntillo K, et al. Regional anesthetic options for pain management in the ICU. Chest 2009 (in press)

NSWHealth SABS

- Interaction between Allopurinol and Azathioprine

TGA

- COLLEAGUE Single Channel and Triple Channel Volumetric Infusion Pumps
- Edwards Swan Ganz Continuous Cardiac Output (CCO) Catheters.
- Arrow International 30/40/50 CC IAB Volume Connectors used for gas delivery
- AQUARIUS Automated Fluid Balance Monitors
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<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/quality/sabs/index.html>

NSWHealth Policy Directives & Guidelines

Safe Handling of Intravenous Potassium Chloride in Health Care Facilities - Policy

Doc No.: PD2005_342

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/PD/2005/PD2005_342.html

<http://www.acccn.com.au/content/view/171/202/>

Education

ACCCN - ICE 2009

29th - 30th May 2009

The Hotel Grand Chancellor, HOBART, TAS

Web: www.acccn.com.au

Email: ice@acccn.com.au

Phone: 61 3 9347 8577

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/>

NEW

ACCCN ALS two day Program

August 3-4

College of Nursing Burwood

<http://www.acccn.com.au/content/view/171/202/>

NEW

ACCCN ALS one day Program

August TBC

Wollongong

<http://www.acccn.com.au/content/view/171/202/>

NEW

ACCCN - ALS Instructors Program

June 25

Lord Byron Resort, Byron Bay

<http://www.acccn.com.au/content/view/171/202/>

NEW

RPA Trauma Evening

Wednesday 24th June 2009.

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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>

NEW

ACCCN - ABC series Airway

June 26

<http://www.acccn.com.au/content/view/171/202/>

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>

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ACCCN - ALS Instructors Program

July 6

College of Nursing Burwood

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>

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Infection Control Association NSW 2009 Conference
Roller Coaster of Infection Control
September 3-4 2009
Luna Park Sydney
Email: ica@nursing.edu.au
web: <http://www.icansw.org.au/conference.html>

7th Australasian Conference on Safety & Quality in Healthcare
6th - 9th September 2009
Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre,
Darling Harbour, SYDNEY, NSW
Web: <http://www.aaghc2009.org.au>

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ACCCN ALS Accreditation (Fast Track) - Wollongong
September TBC
Wollongong
<http://www.acccn.com.au/content/view/171/202/>

NEW
ACCCN ALS Accreditation (Fast Track) - Canberra
September TBC
Canberra
<http://www.acccn.com.au/content/view/171/202/>

NEW
ACCCN ABC series - Breathing - September TBC
Canberra
<http://www.acccn.com.au/content/view/171/202/>

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
Email: iccmu@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au

ACCCN / ANZICS ASM
29th - 31st October 2009
Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre, PERTH, WA
Web:
<http://www.intensivecareasm.com.au/content/view/112/144/>

NEW
ACCCN - ALS Paediatric Program
12-13 November College of Nursing Burwood
<http://www.acccn.com.au/content/view/171/202/>

NEW
ACCCN - ALS Paediatric Program
16 November College of Nursing Burwood
<http://www.acccn.com.au/content/view/171/202/>

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