

Recommended Sites

1. The Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality <http://www.arhq.gov/>

The AHRQ is the federal agency for research on healthcare quality, costs, outcomes and patient safety in the United States.

Two particularly useful and interesting sections of this website are:

a) Patient Safety Network (PSNet)

<http://psnet.arhq.gov/index.aspx>

A continuously updated, annotated, and carefully selected collection of patient safety news, literature, tools, and resources.

b) Morbidity & Mortality Rounds on the Web (webM&M) <http://www.webmm.arhq.gov/>

An online journal and forum on patient safety and health care quality. This site features expert analysis of medical errors reported anonymously by readers, interactive learning modules on patient safety ("[Spotlight Cases](#)"), Perspectives on Safety, and forums for online discussion.

An example of a case for review: The use (misuse) of drotrecogin alfa (activated) with commentary supplied by Derek Angus and Eric Milbrandt, at:

<http://webmm.arhq.gov/case.aspx?caseID=68>

2. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organisations

<http://www.jointcommission.org>

The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. An independent, not-for-profit organization, the Joint Commission is America's predominant standards setting and accrediting body in healthcare.

Since 1951, the Joint Commission has maintained standards that focus on improving the quality and safety of care provided by U.S. health care organizations. The Joint Commission's accreditation process evaluates an organization's compliance with these standards and other accreditation requirements.

Check out '[Sentinel Event Alert](#)'

<http://www.jointcommission.org/SentinelEvents/SentinelEventAlert/>

Sentinel Event Alert identifies specific sentinel events, describes their common underlying causes, and suggests steps to prevent occurrences in the future.

3. For an opportunity to contribute to the development of our nursing profession, visit:

<http://www.jcu.edu.au/school/ns/ethicsreview/index.html>

This is the site for a project on the review and development of the Codes of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Nurses and Midwives in Australia being conducted by a James Cook University/RMIT University consortium and funded by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council.

The aim of the project is to ensure that nursing and midwifery codes of ethics and codes of conduct reflect contemporary Australian nursing and midwifery practice. Feedback about the existing codes is invited from nurses, midwives, professional nursing organisations, educational bodies and health consumers.

Education

ICCMU conducted a Critical Care Seminar at Dubbo in March, which was attended by 20 participants (mainly from Dubbo Base Hospital and Orange Base Hospital).

Sessions included:

- Enteral Nutrition (Nick Edwards, ICU CNC, St. George Hospital)

- PiCCO (James Mather, Product Specialist, Pulsion Pacific)
- CRRT (Jason Knox, Product Specialist, Gambro Australia)
- VAP & Nursing Strategies (Marianne O'Reilly, ICU CNC, Northern Beaches)
- Panel Discussion (Kaye Rolls, Nick Edwards & Marianne O'Reilly)

The day was positively received by all, with general comments such as:

"Great to have updated speakers available, thankyou"

"Please organise more days like these"

"Thanks for coming to the country, rural education is vital"

"Good day, well done, learnt a lot, thankyou"

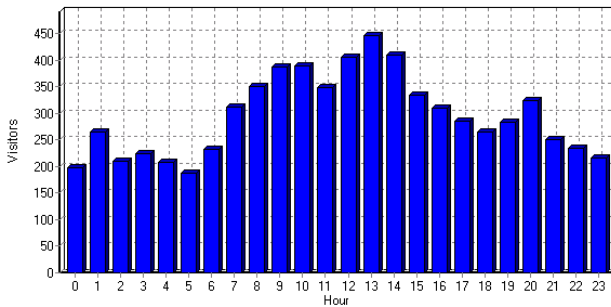
ICCMU would like to sincerely thank Pulsion Pacific and Gambro product specialists, James and Jason, for their contributions to the day. We would also especially thank Nick and Marianne for their time and expertise, so generously given, and extend our thanks to St George and Northern Beaches Intensive Care Units in supporting the promotion and networking of rural education.

ICCMU also thanks Meg Tuipulotu, GWAHS Critical Care CNC for assisting in organising the event and Dubbo Base Hospital for allowing us the use of their facilities.

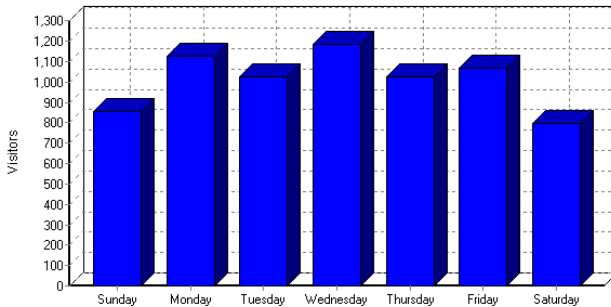
ICCMU Website

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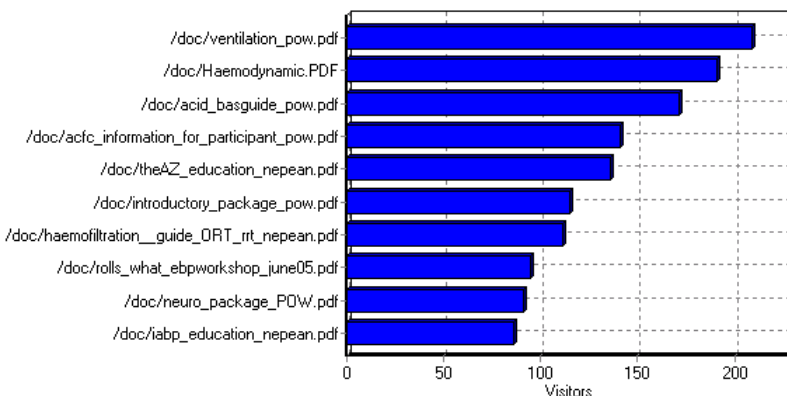
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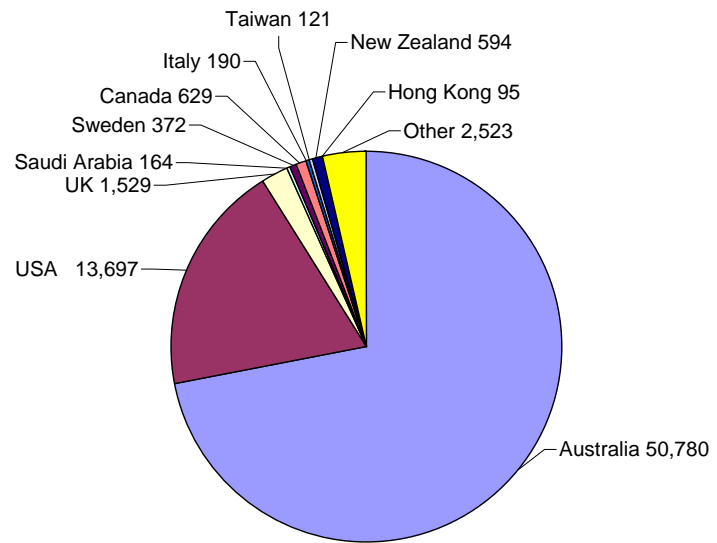
Activity by Day of Week



Most Downloaded Files



Activity by Country



Total Hits:	70,901
Average Hits per Day:	541
Total Pages Viewed:	22,141
Average Page Views per Day:	169

In-services:

ICCMU is now in a position to promote the advantages to staff (and ICU visitors) of using the ICCMU website. If you would like an in-service about the website OR ICUConnect organised for your unit, please contact **Kaye Rolls** on the following numbers:

☎ 02 4734 1489 / 4734 1585
 @ Rollsk@wahs.nsw.gov.au
Sorry for NSW members only

For Your Diary:

- **Neuro Educational Seminar**
4th May, 2006 (from 1700hrs)
Westmead Hospital Education Block
Contact: Diane Lear
02 9845 5555 (pg. 08850)
Email: diane_lear@wsahs.nsw.gov.au
- **2006 ANZCA ASM: All in a day's work**
13th - 17th May, 2006
Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide
<http://www.sapmea.asn.au/conventions/anzca/index.html>
- **ACCCN (NSW) Seminar 2006: Vital Signs amongst the Vines**
19th May, 2006
Coolangatta Wine Estate
Shoalhaven South, NSW
<http://www.acccn.com.au/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=267&Itemid=65&blog=y&catid=8>
- **ANZICS (NSW) & ACCCN (NSW) Regional Meeting 2006**
20th - 21st May, 2006
Coolangatta Wine Estate
Shoalhaven South, NSW
<http://www.acccn.com.au/>
Email: juster@iahs.nsw.gov.au
- **ACCCN: 7th Annual ICE Conference**
26th - 27th May, 2006
Carlton Crest, Melbourne
<http://www.acccn.com.au/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=279&Itemid=64&blog=y&catid=7>
- **JFICM ASM 2006**
11th - 14th June, 2006
Melbourne, Victoria
Email: jficm@anzca.edu.au
- **Australian Nursing & Allied Health Stroke Conference**
6th - 7th July, 2006
Sydney, NSW
Contact: Louise Pitney
02 9437 9333 (Tel)
02 9901 4586 (FAX)
- **Rural Critical Care Conference**
25th - 26th August, 2006
Broken Hill, NSW
<http://www.ruralcriticalcare.asn.au/>

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