



ICU Delirium

<http://www.icudelirium.org/delirium/index.html>

This website has been developed by the ICU Delirium and Cognitive Impairment Study Group, at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN, USA. . The key outcome of the site is to provide the general public and clinician with resources concerning brain dysfunction in the critically ill patient.

- For the general public:
 - Overview of ICU Delirium (pdf)
 - Delirium and the return home
 - Published patient perspective
- For the Clinician
 - Delirium Assessment
 - Delirium Treatment
 - Patient Oriented Goal directed sedation
 - Delirium and clinical outcomes
 - Long Term Cognitive Impairment
 - Teaching Resources
 - References with external links.

There are four areas I would like to highlight.

1. PDF pages on Delirium provide valuable clarification of this problem for the family.
2. The article from Cheryl Misak '*ICU Psychosis & Patient Autonomy: Some thoughts from the Inside*' provides an interesting perspective on the experience of delirium and patient autonomy. You may be surprised by what she has to say.

3. A slide show '*ICU Delirium: epidemiology, monitoring and management*') is presented under teaching resources.
4. Resources required to implement CAM-ICU (Confusion Assessment Method) are provided including slide show and video (under Delirium Assessment).




Interesting Article

Cheung BK, Morze CJ, Jones MA and Venkatesh B (2006) '*Information on the Internet about head injury pertaining to intensive care: less quantity and more quality is needed.* Critical Care and Resuscitation, 8(2) 100-106.

This paper reports an Australian study conducted in late 2004 which compared information relating to 'head injury' available on the Internet with guidelines published by the Brain Trauma Foundation in 2003, also available on Internet. The study identified that there is a lot of information about head injury however the vast majority of it was of poor quality and lacked basic information such as authorship and age of material. The authors conclude that hospitals need to caution relatives about this information and provide patient information sheets. ICCMU's website was not accessible via search engines during this period.

This study highlights the important issues of Internet misinformation related to intensive care and the imperative that clinicians communicate with relatives on a regular basis and provide written material.

For Your Diary:

- **Australasian Donor Awareness Program (APAPT)** 29th June, 2006
Liverpool, NSW 
Contact: Jennifer Gillott
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- **Australian Nursing & Allied Health Stroke Conference**
6th - 7th July, 2006
Sydney, NSW
Contact: Louise Pitney
02 9437 9333 (Tel)
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- **Neuro & Spinal Education**
31 July, 2006
John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle
Flyer available at ICCMU website

- **Rural Critical Care Conference**
25th - 26th August, 2006
Broken Hill, NSW
<http://www.ruralcriticalcare.asn.au/>

- **The 9th Westmead Hospital Critical Care Evening Seminar**
Friday 22 September, 2006 6.00pm-11.00pm
Contact: Angela Berry CNC
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- **31st Annual Scientific Meeting, ACCCN & ANZICS**
Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart from the 12th to 15th of October 2006.

<http://www.anzics.com.au/asm.asp?Section=asm2006>

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:

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