

## **Adult Intensive Care Services Enhancements for 2007/08.**

Statewide Services Development Branch on advice from the Intensive Care Taskforce and ICCMU have successfully bid for the following enhancements:

1. Additional Clinical Nurse Educator support;
2. Intensive care monitoring and coordination support;
3. Upgrade of 2 HDU beds to 2 Level 4 ICU beds;
4. 2 additional ICU beds for the state;
5. Funding for the Central Coast Medical Retrieval Service; and
6. Special funding for "extended critical care" to provide 24hr care of a long term ventilated patient outside of the ICU.

In addition there will be a new High Dependency Unit established at Wyong Hospital.

## **Useful Websites:**

### ***An international Conference: Rapid Response Systems - Team Systems for Safety***

The focus of this website is on the team approach used to provide timely intervention and definitive care for the deteriorating and/or critically ill patient.

This website includes presentations from the 2005 and 2006 conferences in the form of on-screen slide shows including the oral presentations.

The 2005 conference focused on the background and administrative aspects of medical emergency team.

The 2006 conference had 13 themes including:

1. Redefining resuscitation;
2. In-hospital patient safety;
3. The afferent limb: detecting crises and triggering the response;
4. The efferent limb: building a team that works; and
5. MET and education.

There were three debates (presentations plus audience participation):

1. Hospitals should be required to implement a RRS;
2. MET teams should be separate from the cardiac arrest team; and
3. MET leads to deskilling.

There were 25 posters with abstracts available at the website. Some titles were:

1. Condition O: a rapid response team for an obstetric crisis;
2. Antecedents to arrest in hospitalised paediatric patients;
3. A five year audit of MET at a metropolitan teaching hospital; and
4. An early nursing intervention team: above and beyond rapid response team.

The 2007 conference was held in early May however no presentations are available as yet.

<http://www.metconference.com/index.htm>

### ***TraumaCare International***

The International Trauma, Anaesthesia and Critical Care Society is a non-profit multidisciplinary society whose purpose is to improve the care of trauma patients. The website gives you access to an online journal as well as an overview of the numerous education opportunities provided by the Society. A novel feature of the Website is an instant feedback survey. The current question concerns the administration of FFP to trauma patients. Answer this survey and you will be rewarded with an education package on 'Massive transfusion and control of haemorrhage in trauma patients'.

<http://www.itaccs.com/>

### **For Your Diary:**

- **Neuro & Spinal Education Day** 

John Hunter Hospital ICU and Neurosurgery

31<sup>st</sup> July 2007

Royal Newcastle Centre

Contact: Matthew Salerno via

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- **Theory & Management of Non-Invasive Positive Pressure Ventilation** 

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2007

Turner's Vineyard Lodge, Orange

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- **5th Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care**

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August 2007

Brisbane Convention Centre, Brisbane

Website:

<http://www.aaghc.org.au/conf2007.asp>

- **Rural Critical Care Conference** 

24-25 August 2007

Ballina NSW

Website:

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

- **NECSS - Care of the Critically Ill Patient** 

5-6 September 2007

Soldiers Club, Bateman's Bay.

Revised program includes lectures and ten skill stations.

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**NEW!**

- **2007 ANZICS & ACCCN ASM 'Monitoring the Future'**

25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October 2007

Rotorua, New Zealand

Website:

<http://www.intensivecareasm.com.au/content/view/2/25/>

**NEW!**

- **Australian Health Emergency Coordinators' Conference**

15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Newcastle

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Simply email ICCMU with the relevant details.

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### **In-services:**

Has your unit had an inservice yet?

Do you want another inservice?

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