

Intensive Care Co-Ordination and Monitoring Unit (ICCMU)

Quality Group

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 11th March 2008 at 11.00am
Tutorial Room 2, Westmead Hospital

Present:	Dr Tony Burrell (chair)	Apologies:	Ms Elizabeth Hewitt-Falls
	Dr Sean Kelly (Teleconference)		Mr Brett Abbenbroek
	Ms Karena Hewson		Dr Bill Lancashire
	Ms Suzanne Schacht		Dr Neil Kiloh
	Dr Robert Hislop (Teleconference)		Ms Rama Machiraju
	Ms Linda Williams (Teleconference)		Ms Jacqui Hyslop
	Ms Christine Strachan (Secretariat)		Dr Stuart Lane

Meeting Commenced at 11.00am

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

Apologies

Apologies were noted and accepted

1. Incident Monitoring

1.1 SAC 1 & 2

Information from NSW Health regularly shows no SAC 1 or SAC 2s.

Committee may get more details when we have access to IIMS.

1.2 IIMS - 2006 Data Report

We now have access to preliminary 2006 IIMS data which shows medication errors are high. Other areas of concern are Clinical Management and Pressure areas.

Action: Tony, Suzanne, Robert to get together to discuss.

1.2.1 Review Group

All agreed that a committee should be formed to go to CEC looking at IIMS data. Committee to consist of Elizabeth Hewitt-Falls, Suzanne Schacht, Tony Burrell and Robert Hislop.

2. Quality Indicators

2.1 Outcomes

2.1.1 APD - NSW Data

Tony started discussion by asking what we do with this information. Tony proposes we divide them into their peer group ie. Tertiary, Metropolitan, Rural. Raised the possibility of creating bar graphs - showing the median SMR, confidence intervals and standard deviations. Need to liaise with Carol George.

Resetting SPRT charts handed out at meeting and discussed.

Discussion on whether the committee is interested in asking any questions of the APD.

Action: Committee members to think about this and bring suggestions to next meeting.

Action: Tony to bring the information he has already done with Carol George from ANZICS to the next meeting.

2.1.2 Out of hours discharges

APD tabled at meeting and discussed.

2.2 Structure

2.2.1 Workforce Data

Centre for Outcome and Resources Evaluation (CORE formally ACCCR) are collecting data from NSW ICUs and ICCMU are also collecting data from NSW ICUs. Need for consolidating resources/information share identified. ICCMU to explore opportunities with ANZICS CORE.

2.2.2 Occupancy

Committee discussed if we need to define how we are calculating our occupancy rates.

Action: Suzanne to look for NSW Health department definition on occupancy.

Action: Linda to look for Liverpool's definition on occupancy.

Paper on score card reporting tabled at meeting (Najjar-Pellet, Intensive Care Med 2008)

2.3 Process

2.3.1 Checklist project

Checklist tabled at meeting. Karena gave an update of the Checklist. Doan from UTS is currently looking at the documentation to see if they can meet our requirements.

The next step will be a pilot scheduled for 2009. Karena is currently investigating sources of funding.

Karena is currently writing papers which are based on the work completed for her Doctoral assessment.

2.3.2 CLAB project

There was a combined expert group meeting held last week.

A framework has been completed for junior staff around safe insertion of central lines. It will be sent out to the Colleges for comment before going to CEC and the Department for approval as per policy.

2.2.3 Point Prevalence/audits

Point prevalence on compliance with processes of care including those derived from the FAST HUG acronym. Presentation at ANZICS Clinical Trials Group 10th Anniversary Meeting held at Noosa on 13th - 14th March.

Nurses will be employed to collect the data in approximately 30 units across Australia/New Zealand. Data will be collected for a number of studies. The George Institute will be the central data repository. Processes of care data to be collected across 30 units with the first pass being from teaching hospitals.

2.4 Quality Indicator reporting

2.4.1 ICU profiles (reporting selected outcome, structure and process indicators).

ICU profiles paper tabled at meeting. Discussion on ways of presenting the information in a meaningful way.

No bed transfer and out of area transfer rates should be added.

The question was asked 'how this will be developed further and where do we take this?'

Action: Committee members to think about whether there should be any more parameters or if there are better ways of presenting the data. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. Safety

3.1 Safety Attitudes Questionnaire

Safety Attitudes Questionnaire (SAQ) forms part of Karena's research using it as a measure of change post checklist implementation.

Pilot of the SAQ questionnaire at Nepean ICU and the results have been presented to ICU Management and at ANZICS S & Q Conference 2007. Wendy Chaboyer proposed a national project looking at safety attitudes. One problem being lack of funding available. There is still discussion around funding from ACCCN (\$5,000) and Safety and Quality Committee (\$5,000).

4. ANZICS Quality and Safety Committee

Collaboration between CTG, ANZICS Quality & Safety Committee and ICCMU around Point Prevalence.

Sharing of information around CLAB and Tracheotomy guidelines.

5. Liaison/Outreach

Linda gave an update on the Liaison/outreach positions. The job description was based on a Nurse Practitioner. Currently looking at what people are doing in the AHSs. Once this data has been collected a job description that reflects what is already happening will be devised.

6. Other Business

Data Management Committee (DMC)

The Data Management Committee (DMC) has been meeting and a draft job description has been prepared for the Data collectors. Minimum data set has been prepared. There is a teleconference for the DMC committee scheduled for Wednesday 12th March to discuss how to distribute the 8 FTE for data collection that has been approved. The data collectors will submit data to ICCMU as the central clearing house.

Meeting finished - 1.00pm

Next Meeting
Thursday 12 June 2008 11am-1pm
UTS Room: 10.06.341