



G-I-N Emergency Care Community Update - June 2009



Pandemic Flu guidelines and their application into practice

Marc Afilalo and colleagues are close to completing their meta analysis of international flu guidelines, they are also keen to identify what local emergency departments guidelines and processes have been put in place to manage the current situation. In the next month or so we hope to have a short survey using survey monkey to identify current practice and what some of the barriers have been in both developed and developing nations. Your input will be valuable – watch this space!

Call for a small working group on the applicability of guideline recommendations

The G-I-N EC Community Steering Group identified this as a priority topic. Through this work there is the added potential to use the clinical topics ranked by the group as a starting point. The WHO trauma guidelines have developed a matrix based on the availability of resources which might be of interest - http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/publications/services/guidelines_traumacare/en/index.html (page 13)

If you would like to be involved please email Sue Huckson at sue.huckson@nhmrc.gov.au.

Guideline formats

An example of presenting guidelines in a practical useable format:

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners have recently released the 'Red Book' – guidelines for preventive health.

<http://www.racgp.org.au/Content/NavigationMenu/ClinicalResources/RACGPGuidelines/TheRedBook>

Sharing our expertise

Please feel free to contribute to the Community - we would like to hear 'what's worked', 'what hasn't', and who has resources to share. Magali Remy Stockinger (G-I-N Executive Officer) and I have been experimenting with DimDim as a collaboration tool - I have created an account to which people can be invited too - no need to download software, a great way to discuss and share resources. <http://www.dimdim.com/>

A reminder - Opportunity to meet face to face in Valencia – 5th Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Conference

Please let me know if you plan to be in Valencia for the conference, it would be great to take the opportunity to meet face to face. There is a guideline stream being developed for the Conference that will discuss development of guidelines specific for the emergency care sector, applicability of guidelines and guideline implementation.

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