



The Intensive Care Society

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Introduction: Welcome to the January e-Newsletter. We hope to distribute our new style eNewsletter from next month.

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1	Medication Concentrations in Critical Care Areas
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The Intensive Care Society supports the adoption of standard concentrations and endorses the recommendations of a multi-professional group who have published a list of concentrations with wide acceptance by critical care for this purpose.

Standardising to these concentrations represents a significant step towards improving both patient safety and efficient use of resources within critical care. It also facilitates the production of a national injectables guide to provide the end user with the information necessary to safely administer such medications.

Please follow the link below to view

http://www.ics.ac.uk/intensive_care_professional/medication_concentrations_in_critical_care_areas

2	Matching Michigan project
	<p>Please follow the link below to view the advert for the Matching Michigan project.</p> <p>http://www.ics.ac.uk/newsletters/matching_michigan</p>
3	'Count your calls' focus week
	<p>Please follow the link below for information about the focus week.</p> <p>http://www.ics.ac.uk/newsletters/count_your_calls</p>
4	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
	<p>As part of our continuing drive to support healthcare professionals, we have set up a web page specifically targeting Anaesthetics, which we believe would be of great interest to you. The page includes guidance, safety alerts and links to educational material to assist in the safe use and management of medicines and medical devices.</p> <p>Please follow the link to access the web page.</p> <p>http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Safetyinformation/Healthcareproviders/Criticalcarepractitioners/index.htm</p>
5	Being open: communicating patient safety incidents with patients, their families and carers
	<p>On the 6th Jan NICE issued a press release to trade publications calling for a national audit across all critical care units that carry out laparostomies (a clinical procedure whereby major abdominal wounds are kept open after surgery/injury if more treatment is needed, or to allow infection to clear).</p> <p>The audit comes after concerns were raised that there may be a link between one of the treatments currently used, called Negative Pressure Wound Therapy, and patients developing intestinal fistulae. The audit began on 1st January 2010 and will run for the next 18 months. As the procedure is relatively uncommon, it is very important that all intensive care/high dependency units participate in this so that more can be learnt about the risks and effectiveness.</p> <p>According to the Interventional Procedures team at NICE, your organisation was sought for specialist advice in this area. http://guidance.nice.org.uk/IPG322</p> <p>Press release below for more information.</p> <p>http://www.ics.ac.uk/newsletters/nice_-_press_release</p>
6	Nurse and Allied Health Professionals

	<p>I was delighted to be invited to chair the Nurse and Allied Health Professionals session at the SOA meeting in December. This was the first time we have been able to hold a session with specific topics for the nurses and AHP members of the profession and there were some interesting talks.</p> <p>Unfortunately there was not great N&AHP representation at the sessions and overall in the SOA meeting. The N&AHP committee would be delighted to receive feedback on attending the society's meetings so we can help remove barriers and improve attendance for all members but especially nurses and AHPs. Please email nina@ics.ac.uk with comments or suggestions.</p> <p>I strongly urge members to book study leave (or annual leave I know!) for the Spring meeting in Leeds 1-3 May 2010 for what is shaping up to be an interesting and great value meeting.</p> <p>Sara Bolton N&AHP Committee member.</p>
7	Snowdonia Xtreme Challenge
	<p>Snowdonia Xtreme Challenge: Please think about making up a team and participating in the third Snowdonia Xtreme Challenge. Please see the January Newsletter at:</p> <p>http://www.ics.ac.uk/foundation_home/fundraising_activities/icf_january_newsletter</p>
8	ICS Supported Surveys
	<p>There are currently five surveys live on our website, the surveys are quick and easy to complete, please spare the time to do this as it will really help research in these areas.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communication with relatives of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) patients – A survey of current practice. 2. Delirium Survey 3. Procedural skills for trainees in critical care – essential procedures and the value of high fidelity simulation 4. Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) ICU Use Survey 5. Diagnosis of ventilator associated pneumonia – a survey of UK practice
9	ICS Seminar - 4th February 2010 - Professional Aspects Of Getting And Keeping Your Consultant
	<p>This seminar is an update on the professional aspects of consultant life that you will not have had a chance to learn about before. Obligatory for any trainee wanting to know what life as a consultant is like and also for consultants who need updating for re-validation. It is aimed at ICM trainees from all specialties and new consultants.</p> <p>Please follow the link below for further information and a booking form.</p> <p>http://www.ics.ac.uk/Meetings_Events/ics_seminars/SEM10020</p>

10	<p>The Intensive Care Society Forthcoming Events 2010.</p>
	<p>4 February 2010 ICS Seminar - Professional Aspects of Getting and Keeping Your Consultant Job. Churchill House, London http://www.ics.ac.uk/Meetings_Events/ics_seminars/SEM10020</p> <p>24 March 2010 ICS Seminar - Trauma Critical Care. Churchill House, London http://www.ics.ac.uk/Meetings_Events/ics_seminars/SEM10021</p> <p>29 March 2010 ICS Seminar - Acute Lung Injury. Churchill House, London http://www.ics.ac.uk/Meetings_Events/ics_seminars/SEM10022</p> <p>9 April 2010 ICS Seminar - Acute Kidney Injury. Churchill House, London http://www.ics.ac.uk/Meetings_Events/ics_seminars/SEM10023</p> <p>17-19 May 2010 The Annual Spring 2010 Meeting Leeds Royal Armouries, Leeds http://www.ics.ac.uk/Meetings_Events/main_meetings/SPM2010</p> <p>9 June 2010 An ICS Practical Seminar - Chest Ultrasound for Intensivists. Churchill House, London http://www.ics.ac.uk/Meetings_Events/ics_practical_seminars/SEM10025</p> <p>17-18 June 2010 ICS/RCoARCP Joint Intensive Care Symposium. Churchill House, London http://www.ics.ac.uk/Meetings_Events/joint_meetings/ICSC55</p> <p>14th July 2010 The Inaugural Seminar of The Intensive Care Society's new Nursing and Allied Health Professional Division 'Working Together in Intensive Care'. Churchill House, London http://www.ics.ac.uk/Meetings_Events/main_meetings/SEM10026</p> <p>22 November 2010 ICS Seminar - What is New in Resuscitation? Churchill House, London http://www.ics.ac.uk/Meetings_Events/ics_seminars/SEM10028</p> <p>For further information and registration forms please visit the ICS website www.ics.ac.uk</p>

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