



The Intensive Care Society

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Dear

There are some important deadlines approaching highlighted below in this month's e Newsletter. Also, in recognition that a number of you will only just be returning to normal working following the summer holidays, we have extended the State of the Art Early Bird rate until the 20th September – please do book early. There are still places on our November seminar and we will be advertising our 2011 seminar programme very soon. The response rates so far for our membership survey are disappointingly low – please do complete this very quick survey (even if you are totally satisfied with your membership) as Council do want to know your views and how we can best serve you our members both now and in the future.

Best Wishes

Pauline Kemp

Head of Secretariat

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1	State of the Art 2010 13th, 14th December 2010 – Early bird rate extended until the 20th September
	Registration is open for our main annual meeting and the UK's largest meeting for Intensive Care Professionals. Our fees are frozen from the 2009 rate and we have extended our early bird rate until the 20 th September. We have invited a number of leading international speakers and will be offering a scientific programme over 2 days accompanied by an exhibition, research posters and a Foundation update. The

	latest programme is now available on line. Full pricing for this meeting is available on our State of the web page .
2	Forthcoming Seminars in Churchill House
	<p>22 November 2010 ICS Seminar – What is new in Resuscitation? Churchill House, London</p> <p>For further information and registration forms please visit the ICS website www.ics.ac.uk</p>
3	Membership and Events Survey
	If you haven't already had a chance to complete our membership survey please do take the complete this short but invaluable survey. As a society our aim is to continuously improve and grow membership so we need to hear from you our members.
4	Foundation News
	The Intensive Care Foundation conquers Everest - with the support of Anglian Home Improvements. Home Improvements have supported the Intensive Care Foundation since its inception in 2003 and now the progress we have made would not have been achieved without their support! For a photo and details please see the Foundation webpage .
5	Nurse and Allied Health Professionals
	<p>The N&AHP one day conference, 'Working together in Critical Care', which took place at Churchill House on July 14th this year, was a resounding success. Despite a few sleepless nights when we thought would not have enough people registering to enable this important meeting to go ahead, we ended up with 75 paid delegates, more than covered the costs and recruited 16 new ICS members! So that's it- the N & AHP section of the ICS has now formally launched -and made its mark. Feedback from delegates was excellent and given this success, we propose to run a similar event next year. We would be delighted to hear of suggestions for topics for next year and thank you to everyone who attended (but next time please try to register a bit earlier so the organisers can some sleep...)</p> <p>We are also developing a web forum on the ICS website, which will go live shortly and will provide an opportunity to share ideas and best practice, exchange information, provide expertise and promote live debate etc etc...watch this space!</p>
6	2011 ICS ACCEA Application Reminder - For the attention of Consultant Members
	<p>Members are reminded the 2011 ICS ACCEA application process has gone Live. All Consultant members should have received a notification email and a unique link to the online application process. If you have not received the email, please contact Nina Taylor via nina@ics.ac.uk and she will send you the details. Further information is available on the ICS website</p> <p>The closing date for receipt of all applications which are ONLY being accepted in electronic format by ICS is 9am on Friday 1st October 2010.</p>
7	Patient Safety Alerts

Dear Colleague

NPSA Rapid Response Report RRR015 Prevention of over infusion of intravenous fluid* and medicines in neonates

[RRR Prevention of over infusion document](#)

[CBS Prevention of over infusion document](#)

[Supporting information](#)

This Rapid Response Report (RRR) was issued today to organisations in England via the Central Alert System (CAS) and directly to organisations in Wales.

Background

There is a risk of the accidental over infusion of intravenous fluid* and medicines to neonates associated with the setting up of specific intravenous infusions or the overriding of safety mechanisms on infusion pumps. This risk has the potential to result in death.

Broadcast content

The Alert is for all NHS organisations that provide neonatal services. Departments providing neonatal services should:

1. Ensure that a local neonatal intravenous administration policy is available that specifies:
 - a) When using a syringe pump to administer intravenous fluids or medicines to neonates, a fluid should not be left connected to the syringe.*
 - b) All clamps on intravenous administration sets must be closed before removing the administration set from the infusion pump, or switching the pump off. This is required regardless of whether the administration set has an anti-free flow device.
 - c) The frequency and responsibility for monitoring :
 - i. the intravenous infusion device
 - ii. the infusion administration equipment
 - iii. the patient receiving intravenous infusion
2. The above points should all be included in local standards for education, training, assessment and audit, subject to audit to ensure clinical practice is in accordance with the local policy.

*This action does not apply to the administration of blood components to neonates. These should continue to be administered as per The British Committee for Standards in Haematology 'Guidelines on the Administration of Blood Components' (2009)

www.bcsghguidelines.org/pdf/Admin_blood_components050110.pdf (pg.51)

We would particularly like to thank you for comments received during the consultation process which helped to shape this RRR and supporting information.

This RRR, supporting information and clinical briefing sheet may also be viewed by clicking on the following link: www.nrls.npsa.nhs.uk/alerts

Please direct any queries to rrr@npsa.nhs.uk or telephone 020 7927 9890. Media enquiries should be directed to Simon Morgan on 020 7927 9580.

8	Medical Device Alert
	<p>Device: Processing AT1 set (item no. 9005101) used with the cats® continuous auto transfusion system. Set manufactured between January 2009 and April 2010 are affected.</p> <p>Manufacturer: Fresenius kabi ltd & Calea UK ltd</p>
9	ICS Supported Surveys
	<p>There are currently two surveys live on our website, the surveys are quick and easy to complete, please take the time to do this as it will really help research in these areas.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Toxic smoke inhalation: personal views of Clinicians. 2. Transfer of critically ill patients, general and equipment questionnaires.

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