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ULTRASOUND BOOSTS PATIENT CARE AT SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, RANDWICK

A new ultrasound machine at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick is allowing dramatic improvements in treatments.

The Minister for Health, Morris Iemma, recently showcased the ultrasound machine at the Hospital saying the machine was the most advanced of its kind in Australia.

"The ultrasound allows for far better resolution, faster scans, greater accuracy, and less radiation. This means better patient outcomes particularly for children with orthopaedic conditions and cerebral palsy," Mr Iemma said.

The ultrasound is one of three which together with other equipment were purchased from a total of \$3.5m funding allocated to SCH, Randwick and The Children's Hospital at Westmead at the beginning of 2004.

The Sydney Children's Hospital expects the three new machines to allow an extra 600 ultrasound procedures to be performed each year above the 3,000 already being performed.



Minister for Health, Morris Iemma with (left to right) Dr David Lowinger, Christine and Craig, Dr John Pereira, Prof Les White and Dr Andrew McIntosh



Left to right Prof Les White with Dr John Pereira and Minister for Health, Morris Iemma with the ultrasound machine

Ultrasound is a vital tool for paediatric imaging. It can be used to help diagnose appendicitis, renal, vascular and urological conditions and congenital malformations.

In the case of SCH patient, Craig, who was present at the showcase, the new machine has been used to pinpoint the exact location of his salivary glands so he can receive Botox injections to reduce excess saliva. Part of Craig's condition has meant that his constant drooling is a significant management problem for his family. Targeted injections using the new ultrasound machine has dramatically improved this symptom. This has made life easier for both Craig and his carers.

"The ultrasound machine/botox treatment has been wonderful for Craig. We've gone from 50 to 10 bibs per day... that's a major improvement for us," said Craig's mother Christine.

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Volunteer Update

SHOWCASING OUR OVERSEAS STUDENTS

Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick has a large number of overseas students that kindly volunteer at the Hospital while studying at UNSW. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the fantastic job they do.

Celia Gottlieb from New York and Rich Hubbell from Burlington, Vermont were only too happy to be photographed showing us what they do so well.



Pat On The Back

Dear Dr O'Meara (Director of Emergency, SCH)

At 4.15am on 7 June this year, I was one of many Ambulance resources called to attend a Matraville address, responding to a house fire. My partner and I never arrived at the scene, having been diverted to back up a Primary Care crew, who were proceeding to your hospital with a paediatric arrest.

Appropriately, prior to our arrival, the ED had received all three paediatric patients from the fire and were being treated in the Resuscitation Bay.

As I walked into the treatment area, I was confronted with a unique experience, that of three cardiac arrests being treated simultaneously. Though rarely motivated to express my admiration or gratitude, the ensuing scenes in the Resuscitation Bay, has inspired me to do so.

The mere volume of personnel working in such a confined space, coupled with the severity of the situation, and the obvious emotional implications, was handled with such professionalism and leadership, the likes of which I have not previously witnessed in the Hospital setting. I found the unity between pre-hospital and hospital staff encouraging where delineation and demarcation were noted only by their absence.

I would like to extend to you and the teams involved in the events of that morning my heartfelt admiration for the demonstration of such professionalism and dedication.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Green,

Paramedic Ambulance Officer.

Additional note from Dr Michael Brydon, Clinical Services Co-ordinator, SCH: "This same tragic event was also well reviewed at Grand Rounds recently and those members of the fire, police and ambulance who attended were extremely positive to have been included in the discussions on how such a disaster is managed. Our SCH is leading the way in interagency co-operation and team work. Well done to all involved."

Employee Of The Month

Linda Galea has been chosen as our Employee of the Month for August 2004. Congratulations!

Phyllis Moran, Director of Nursing, SCH nominated Linda for her enthusiasm and unconditional assistance to the Nursing Services Unit.

Phyllis said, "Linda has worked in our Unit for many years and continues to be enthusiastic and excited about her work."

"Linda ensures the whole of Nursing Services feels supported by her as she always offers unconditional assistance for any issue. She is a cheerful, friendly, quiet achiever", Phyllis explained.

Phyllis continued to say that Linda's work is always of the highest standard and she is very thorough in everything she does.

Linda co-ordinated the festivities for the week long Nurses Day and paid attention to the finest detail (as she does in every aspect of work). This included morning and afternoon teas, speakers, engraving of plaques, venues, dinner menu, raffles, etc. All nurses are aware of her efforts, appreciate her and would be thrilled if she were named Employee of the Month", said Phyllis.



Position:

Administrative Assistant to Director of Nursing.

Best part of your job?

Administrative Assistant to Director of Nursing.

Worst part of your job?

It would have to be filing.

When you were young what did you want to do when you grew up?

A hairdresser.

First full-time job?

I was employed as a "Girl Friday" with a small insurance company. There were only four of us in the office, the boss, a senior secretary, a clerk/typist and me, so I had to do all the errands and also make the tea and coffee, even for the staff.

How long have you been at SCH, Randwick?

Nine years as of 22nd August this year.

Strangest thing you've ever had to do on the job:

I can't think of any one thing in particular.

Your mentor or greatest inspiration?

My husband and daughter.

Where will you be in 10 years?

Perhaps working part-time !!! And having time to do other things.

Job you most admire?

Nurses and doctors.

Linda will enjoy a complimentary meal at Mamma Theresa's at Kingsford and a bouquet of flowers compliments of Clementine Flowers, Randwick. Metro Parking will also throw in a cheque for \$100. ENJOY!!!

Editor's Notes

The Way Forward is the SCH, Randwick internal newsletter. There will be a combined October/November issue of The Way Forward. Should you want to submit to The Way Forward please do so before the following dates.

DEADLINE DATES FOR 2004 ARE:

12 OCTOBER and 9 NOVEMBER.

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Message from Professor White

Dear Colleagues,

On this occasion I have asked David Loy, Director, Administrative Services, to share with you his perspective on current issues as well as his vision for the future. Best wishes

Les White
Executive Director



As you would know by now the Minister announced some major changes to the structure of health administration in late July. The changes have resulted in a reduction in the number of Area Health Services across NSW from 17 to 8, and all Area Boards have been dissolved. Administrators have been appointed for the next six months prior to the new structure being implemented. The rationale for this change is to reduce administrative positions and redirect savings into clinical care. What you probably don't know is that in addition to these changes the Health Department plans to restructure the way corporate and business support services are delivered in NSW. These include the following functions and services:

- Finance
- Human Resources
- Asset Management
- Information Technology
- Supply Chain / Procurement and Warehousing
- Food
- Linen
- Pathology.

The plan is that some of these services could be consolidated and delivered on a state-wide basis whereas others might be provided on a regional basis. Research is currently being conducted and the Department will announce its plans in October 2004. What this means for Sydney Children's Hospital and the Area Health Service is unclear at present. Watch this space.....

One service, which may be affected by this change, is the Property, Building and Maintenance Service (PBMS) referred to as "Asset Management" in the above list. While struggling over the last few years to maintain a full complement of staff, PBMS, under the relatively new Manager Brett Evans and Deputy Tim Scott, have been able to institute a number of initiatives at SCH and on the Campus aimed at ensuring a greater level of safety and a more efficient use of utilities.

Some of these initiatives are:

- Watersavings - improved metering and the provision of watersaving devices, has improved our water consumption from 9 to 5 litres per second with a saving of over \$100,000 per year.
- The capacity of our oxygen supply on campus has been doubled by the installation of a larger tank, which has more than halved the number of deliveries on Hospital Road.
- Safety valves have been installed in taps on the wards, which will prevent future leakage and flooding
- Many electrical appliances have been tested and tagged (if you know of any that haven't please let PBMS know)
- Preventative maintenance in the clinical areas has begun again, and
- Steam driven hot water in ED has been replaced by gas hot water.

In order to further improve our water consumption, it will be appreciated if staff could report to PBMS those troublesome toilets that continue to flush, wasting significant amounts of water.

Finally, our next major refurbishment project is currently being planned and will involve a re-organisation and refurbishment of C2N. Part of the plans involve the relocation of all Haematology/Oncology outpatient clinics from the Outpatient Department to the Ward. It is expected that work will commence in approximately 12 months time.

David Loy

Director, Administrative Services

Pain in Child Health Mayday Fellowship Awarded

Congratulations to Tiina Piira who recently received the Pain in Child Health (PICH) Mayday Fellowship.



The PICH program, which only last year extended its mandate to involve researchers outside of Canada,

is supported by the Canadian Institute of Health Research and offers a multidisciplinary training program for researchers working in the area of children's pain.

Tiina was invited by Professor Carl von Baeyer, a faculty member of the PICH program, and someone with whom she has worked closely with over the past three and half years, to apply to become an International Trainee with the PICH program. She was the first person outside of North America to be accepted into the program.

Tiina will have a very busy October as the PICH Mayday Fellowship will allow her to attend the PICH meeting in Halifax and the "International Forum on Paediatric Pain" in White Point, with both locations in Nova Scotia. Tiina will also do a two-day visit with Professor Celeste Johnston to her research lab in Montreal.

Tiina's involvement with PICH will continue for the duration of her PhD, which she is currently undertaking in the School of Psychology at UNSW. This means that Tiina will continue to participate in monthly on-line PICH presentations with about 30 other paediatric pain researchers at 3.30am, which is when most of us are still snuggled up in bed - now that's what we call dedication!

Professor von Baeyer, Tiina's PICH mentor, will be on sabbatical at SCH during December this year.



Movers And Shakers

The Sleep Unit welcomes Dr Jim Papadopoulos and Dr Ganesh Thambapillay as part-time Staff Specialists. Jim also has clinical responsibilities at St George Hospital. The Unit also welcomes Aaron Banks as an Enrolled Nurse and Dr Greg Blecher as a Fellow in Sleep Medicine (from 5th July 2004 for the rest of the clinical year).

Congratulations to Jenny Broadbent who has been appointed as the Co-ordinator of the Child Protection Unit. Jenny comes to us with a wealth of experience in community child health and child protection. Jenny has been employed in South East Health for many years.

Congratulations to Dr Arthur Teng, Director of the Sleep Medicine Unit, who has been appointed to the Sleep Medicine Curriculum Development Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. This committee will decide the content of Sleep Medicine Training for physicians and paediatricians in Australia and New Zealand.

Congratulations to Phillip McNamara who has been appointed to the position of Clinical Nurse Educator in ICU.

Helen Knox is relieving in the position of Nurse Manager, Centre for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders (CCC&BD) until 31 October 2004 while Jayne Murdoch is on extended leave.

Kay Montgomery is relieving in the position of NUM, Medical Day Only Unit while Helen is seconded to the CCC&BD.

Cathy Lovell's secondment to the position of Nurse Manager - Mental Health Program has been extended until 30 January 2005. Cathy can be contacted on extension 28361 or pager 43691.

Congratulations to Anne Senner who has been appointed to the position of CNC Clinical Practice Development, CCC&BD for a further three-year period.

Congratulations to Charlotte Lyons who has kindly agreed to be on the Radiation Safety Committee.

Congratulations to Rachel Keed, who has been appointed to the position of Aboriginal Health Education Officer for SCH/RHW. She may be contacted on pager 45272 or through extension 21021. Rachel will not replace the social worker but will be an additional member of the team. The social workers will continue to do their usual work with patients, Aboriginal patients and families. Rachel will refer matters to other staff as needed. In addition to direct work with families Rachel is involved in a project relating to resources for Aboriginal families. She also spends some time maintaining her network with Aboriginal agencies and Aboriginal staff in other hospitals and agencies. Rachel will contribute to education programs about working with Aboriginal families and she will be collecting information from Aboriginal families about their experience with the health care system as part of the SCH focus on consumer feedback.

Tim Bohane recently met up with Dr Joel Isaia, a SCH paediatrics trainee in the 90's, in Paris at the World Congress of Paediatrics GI. Joel particularly asked to be remembered fondly, and with gratitude, to his many SCH friends. Joel is now Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Paediatrics, Walter Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Joel's contact details are available through Tim Bohane.

Distinguished Visitors at Sch's Sleep Unit

QUALITY OR RESEARCH?

Dr Sridhar Ganapathy, MD(Paed) DCH(Bom) Paediatrician and Intensivist at Lion Tarachand Bapa Hospital, Mumbai, India, recently spent two weeks in the Sleep Unit and learnt about what, to him, was a new subspecialty of paediatric sleep medicine.

Dr John Henderson MD, 2004 Winston Churchill Fellow, Senior Lecturer in Child Health and Paediatric Respiratory Physician at the Bristol Royal Hospital for Children UK, recently spent a week here as part of his travels to the antipodes researching ways by which paediatric sleep services are delivered.

The international flavour continued in August when Dr Lettie Leung, Paediatrician and Senior Medical Officer, Kwong Wah Hospital, Hong Kong, arrived to spend two weeks in the Unit.

Some might remember her sister Dr Sylvia Leung, who was a registrar here some years ago.



Dr Ganapathy with Dr Teng and Bruce Williamson in the Sleep Unit receiving his "Mini-Fellowship" certificate

General Information

Eye Strain Exercises

If you are working at a desk for extended periods of time REMEMBER! the 20 x 20 x 20 rule: every 20 minutes, rest your eyes for 20 seconds by looking at some thing 20 metres away!

To the Editor

A few nights ago I received a call in the early hours of the morning from a night registrar wanting advice about a patient. The conversation seemed to go quite well for a few minutes, but when the caller shouted what she thought was my first name (I think to interrupt my snoring) we both realised she was speaking to the wrong Dr Ziegler. I suspect this could be a common problem when staff share (or have similar) names. Recent retirements no doubt have provided some respite for Drs Rosenberg and Jones. This Children's Hospital doesn't have a Dr Knight so Dr Day is probably OK. Anne and Clare Cunningham are in vaguely similar fields so it probably wouldn't matter in their case. Perhaps it is just as well that Ian Alexander took up at an appointment at Westmead, leaving our Ion in peace.

These late night calls probably serve several useful purposes. Most importantly they demonstrate to the called person's partner the importance of their role in the Hospital. And since the called person can be expected to have little memory of the conversation, it allows the registrar to implement whatever plan they had in mind anyway. It also provides an opportunity to "show up" the senior person at a time when they don't have ready access to their PDA or Frank Shann's little book.

If we are to prevent these misplaced nocturnal calls then of course the long-term solution is to ensure that no new appointees share a name with any incumbents on the Randwick campus. Meanwhile, as a precaution, perhaps all such calls should be routed via the on-call medical administrator. Or alternatively, it could be the routine practice always to ensure that the first party to be phoned is the youngest person on the hospital staff with the relevant name.

John Ziegler

Editor's note: Medical Administration have just announced they now have silent numbers but don't be concerned as John Ziegler has kindly agreed to take all calls for the remainder of this decade between 10.00pm and 6.00am. Thanks John.

OH&S Update

FOCUS ON ASBESTOS - TAKE CARE IF YOU'RE RENOVATING!

- Did you know that a third of houses built before 1982 contain asbestos; and that before 1960, 25% of all houses were clad in asbestos cement [fibro]?
- Asbestos can be in your home, if it is old enough, in the form of fibro walls, floors, roofs, guttering, insulation, drainage and flue pipes.
- If in good condition and left undisturbed, i.e. if the asbestos fibres remain firmly bound in a solid cement matrix, studies show there are no significant human health risks.
- It is only when the product deteriorates or is disturbed by drilling / water-blasting/ scrubbing/sawing/storm damage or being broken up that fibres can be released into the air.
- There is no known safe exposure level to asbestos and no current cure for the asbestos-related diseases of asbestosis [lung fibrosis], mesothelioma [cancer of the pleura or peritoneum] and lung cancer, many of which do not appear until 25-30 years after exposure.
- Ordinary dust masks do not give adequate protection against asbestos fibres.
- Thus, despite a nationwide ban on all asbestos as of December 2003, the possibility of asbestos exposure remains high due to the renovation boom.
- So, what should you do if you are renovating an old house? A licensed asbestos removal contractor [look up 'Living with Fibro' on the WorkCover NSW website for contractors - www.workcover.nsw.gov.au] will be able to advise you before you do any work if there is any asbestos present in your home and any health risk from the planned work. If there is a risk, they will be able to safely dispose of any asbestos in your house before the work begins.

Welcome to Foundation News

Rising Talent

The Clovelly Talent Quest had its inaugural Grand Final at the Clovelly RSL and Airforce Club in July. Two hundred people watched the finalists, sing, dance and entertain their way to glory. Dr Ian Andrews, represented the Hospital (in the audience, not on the stage) and to thank the organisers. Four thousand dollars was raised for the Hospital, so start practicing early for next year's event.

Knit and Crop

Two mothers, Lisa and Nurten in C1 South have been raising money for the Hospital since their children were admitted. Lisa is a hairdresser and is shaping the locks of parents and staff. Nurten is knitting scarves. These two are making a fabulous contribution to the Hospital, with \$1,000 already raised. So if you need a haircut and then a scarf to keep your newly exposed neck warm, contact Rebecca at the Foundation for the details.

Shave the Mane for Kids

Andrew "Zorro" Notaras has a mane of hair that would challenge most hairdressers. This year he shaved a full year's growth for the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick at a buyer's breakfast at the Sydney Fish Markets. Bidding was frantic with some wanting his head left shaved half-and-half. But in the end he had to go and \$20,000 was raised for the Hospital.

A big thank you to Andrew and the Sydney Fish Markets.



Andrew having his head shaved

The Eyes Have It

Sutherland Shire Lionesses are passionate about raising funds to renovate the Eye Clinic at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick. Lions Clubs in NSW have already raised \$176,000 towards the renovation and the "girls" hope to bring this total to \$200,000. Keep your eyes out for their innovative fundraiser.

La Perouse and Back Again

Sixty children walked around a special track at their school raising \$2,500 for the Hospital. For two weeks before they visited their local community gaining sponsorship. Support was fantastic, with many locals coming on the day and cheering them on.

A special thank you to all the kids and thank you Craig Boothroyd, from Randwick Council, for your organisation.

School Of Women's And Children's Health

While everyone's attention has been focused on the Olympics in Athens, researchers in the Paediatric Therapeutics research program in the School have been hard at work preparing to perform at a number of national and international scientific conferences...reaching an almost "Olympian" pitch in late July and early August with presentations at three consecutive meetings. Linda Graudins (Research Pharmacist), Emma Best (recipient of the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation Research Fellowship for 2004 and Master of Medicine student, UNSW), Sarah Robertson (Master of Science student), and Madlen Gazarian were involved in presenting research papers at the National Medicines Symposium (NMS) 2004 and the 8th World Congress of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (CPT) held in Brisbane recently, followed by the 2nd Australasian Conference in Safety and Quality in Health Care in Canberra. The team presented innovative research relating to improving medication safety in children; evaluating the safety of once daily gentamicin in children; and a model for implementing evidence based guidelines effectively. Both NMS and CPT also had several designated paediatric sessions and Madlen had a number of additional roles in organising, chairing and presenting invited talks at these sessions. The often-neglected needs of children with regard to research and practice in medicines-use had a good hearing on the national and international stage, with strong contributions from our School. Their efforts will hopefully contribute to advancing the research and practice agenda in this important field.

It is always rewarding to see the products of our research efforts published and new knowledge disseminated amongst our colleagues. So please forward your publications and allow us to acknowledge them. After all, there is only so much patting on the back friends and family can cope with..... Some recent contributions from members of our School follow:

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Nursing Matters

GOODBYE FAY

With a nursing history extending over 30 years, it was sad to farewell Fay Macartney-Bourne who was the Nurse Unit Manager, Child and Family Health.

Fay commenced her nursing on the 4th August, so it was a fitting departure that she left on the 4th August this year.

Fay has faced many challenges during her years, one being the merger of Community Health under the umbrella of Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick and the most recent being the introduction of Family First, a new Health Home Visiting Program to support families with children 0-8 years of age.

One of Fay's most admirable qualities was the caring nature she portrayed for all her staff. She was always a very strong advocate for their needs.

Fay, we will miss you dearly, but hope you will enjoy many years of retirement in your garden doing what you love best and spend some quality time with your grandchildren.

On behalf of all the staff at SCH, we wish you a very happy retirement.



Casemix Information

	JULY 2004	JULY 2003
Admissions	1,210	1,350
Discharges	1,219	1,356
Day only cases	577	631
Hospital Average Length of Stay	2.9 days	2.7 days
Hospital Average Length of Stay (excl Day Only)	4.7 days	4.2 days
Occupancy	89.50%	92.50%
Non admitted patients	25,026	24,428

Successful FRACP Candidates

Congratulations to the following FRACP candidates on completing the Written and Clinical Components of the FRACP examination:

Tony Bell	Keith Ooi
Kathryn Edward	Michael Plaister
Nee Khoo	Prasanna Shrikhedkar
Tracy Momsen	Samantha Tilakarath

Public Affairs

DEVELOPMENT OF ANAPHYLAXIS GUIDELINES (photo caption: Donna Jelley)

The rising prevalence of food allergy and anaphylaxis in childhood has been a catalyst for the development of Anaphylaxis Guidelines for schools and the creation of three anaphylaxis educator positions within NSW. One of these is located at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick. The Anaphylaxis educators' primary mandate is to educate school and preschool staff regarding allergies, recognition and management of anaphylaxis and competence with administration of the EpiPen. Furthermore the educators support and assist schools to implement anaphylaxis guidelines. Donna Jelley, Sydney Children's Hospital Anaphylaxis Educator, is available to teach staff at Sydney schools, as well as being responsible for Northern Sydney, Central Coast, Hunter and the Riverina.

Since commencing the position in January 2004, Donna has educated staff from over 60 educational institutions. Donna has found that variety at work has taken on a whole new meaning. Recently Donna spent a week in Albury and surrounding districts; merely driving down to the Riverina was an adventure. Donna encountered a snowstorm at Yass and still managed to arrive in Albury safely that afternoon. Donna's first school in Albury was a large high school with over 60 staff; however on the following day Donna was at Brungle Public school, a two-teacher school. The staff and students at Brungle Public were excited to have a visitor and thus Donna was treated to a tour of the school's Aboriginal dreamtime recreations. Furthermore Donna has been the guest speaker at both Hillston and Coleambally. A local community health worker had organized community education sessions regarding anaphylaxis. Some of you may think, "who would want to go to the end of earth" (figuratively speaking) for work? However, Donna stated that not much can beat driving to an education session amidst brilliant sunsets beyond a non-polluted horizon especially when you know that after you have worked the locals love you to have a drink with them.

Visiting city schools is not such a social occasion, however Donna stated it has been both interesting and a privilege to work with educational institutions generally and to assist them to become anaphylaxis friendly. Should you wish to discuss Donna's work with her further please feel free to contact her on 9382 1861 or 0410 341 114



Donna Jelley

Judith Warren Farelled

QUALITY OR RESEARCH?

It was with great sadness that Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick farewelled one of its longest-serving nurses, Judith Warren, after 26 years of nursing service.

"In a climate of ongoing change and flexible workforce, it is something we will see less and less of," said Sydney Children's Hospital Workforce Manager, Marguerite Cusack.

"Nurses now are very mobile people and unlike our predecessors like Judith, an employer is lucky if a nurse stays for two to three years."

Judith has been a very dedicated nurse who joined South East Health initially in 1962 before transferring to Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick in 1978.

She was widely known for her dedication to Paediatric Oncology in the Outpatient setting. She was highly involved in Camp Quality, which are weekends arranged away for oncology children and their families.

Judith was previously awarded an 'AM' (Order of Australia Medal) in recognition of her contribution to paediatrics and Camp Quality.

We wish Judith a very happy retirement and hope that she will enjoy some well-deserved time with her family.



Judith Warren with five-year-old oncology patient, Sami and her mum Sandy.

Grand Rounds

John Beveridge Lecture Theatre, Level 1, Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick.

1700 every Wednesday - Refreshments 16:45.

Convened by A/Prof John Ziegler.

1 SEPT 2004

"HIP DISPLACEMENT IN CEREBRAL PALSY: BE ALERT AND SOMETIMES SERIOUSLY ALARMED! LESSONS FROM AN NHMRC MULTICENTRE RANDOMIZED TRIAL"

SPEAKER: Roslyn Boyd PhD, MSc
(Physiotherapy)

CO-ORDINATOR: Kevin Lowe

CHAIRPERSON: Tim Bohane

8 SEPT 2004

"DUAL CORD BLOOD TRANSPLANT"

SPEAKERS: Marcus Vowels

CO-ORDINATOR: Glenn Marsall

CHAIRPERSON: Charles Verge

15 SEPT 2004

INHALATION PNEUMONIA: SOMETHING YOU MAY NEVER SEE BUT NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

SPEAKER: Brynn Wainstein, John Morton and Andrew Day

CO-ORDINATOR: John Ziegler

CHAIRPERSON: Heather Johnston

22 SEPT 2004

OUTCOMES AFTER CPR - WHEN SHOULD WE CEASE RESUSITATION?

SPEAKER: Andrew Numa and Matthew O'Meara

CO-ORDINATOR: Barry Duffy

CHAIRPERSON: John Ziegler

29 SEPT 2004

COMMON PAIN SYNDROMES IN CHILDREN

SPEAKERS: Andrew Numa and Matthew O'Meara

CO-ORDINATOR: Matthew Crawford

CHAIRPERSON: Andrew Rosenberg



Notice Board

The John Beveridge Oration

When: Wednesday, 29 September, 2004
Time: 6.30pm
Where: John Beveridge Lecture Theatre
Level 1, SCH
Speaker: Norman Swan
Topic: "Scientific Fraud - keeping it off the front page."

The Rainbow Ball



It's on Saturday, 23 October at The Four Seasons Hotel in George St (near Circular Quay).

The night features live music from The Enormous Horns and the chance to win or bid for dozens of prizes.

Ticket price is \$135 for cash or \$137 for credit cards which includes a three-course meal, drinks and entertainment from 7:00pm to 1:00am.

All proceeds go to Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick and the children's wards at St George and Sutherland Hospitals.

Invitation cards and posters will be around the Hospitals shortly with further details. Anyone interested in coming can also contact Brad Martin on extension 21874 or pager 42583.

Young Investigator Seminar Series

It is a great forum for learning about the research performed by the 'younger' researchers at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick and within the School of Women's and Children's Health.

The seminars will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month in the John Beveridge Lecture Theatre, SCH, Level 1. The first session began on Tuesday, 23 March 2004.

Throughout the year there will be lectures given on topics relevant to research by various expert speakers.

Please note that regular attendance at this seminar series and participation in it on an annual basis are compulsory for all higher degree students in the School of Women's and Children's Health, Discipline of Paediatrics. A seminar presentation forms part of their annual progress review.

Employee Assistance Program

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides free, confidential, professional counseling for any personal or work related concerns.

To obtain a brochure or to make an appointment phone (02) 9382 3681 and (02) 9382 6616.

Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick - Aggression Minimalisation Training

January to June 2004

To book e-mail Allison Boyle. Please inform in advance of any cancellations.

Date	Time	Topic	Conference Room No
24/9/04	9.00am-1.00pm	Managing Bullying for Managers	3
27/9/04	9.00am-4.30pm	Core Module	5
22/10/04	9.00am-4.30pm	High Risk Module	6
29/10/04	9.00am-1.00pm	Core Module	3
4/11/04	1.00pm-4.30pm	Managing Bullying for Managers	3
19/11/04	9.00am-4.30pm	High Risk Module	6
26/11/04	9.00am-1.00pm	Core Module	6
1/12/04	1.00pm-4.30pm	Core Module	5
10/12/04	9.00am-1.00pm	Core Module	3

Location of Conference Rooms

CR 3 - Level 0, Allied Health, SCH/CR 5 - Level 1, near Lecture Theatre, SCH
CR 4 - Level 1, near Lecture Theatre, SCH/CR 6 - Level 2, opposite South Wing Lifts, SCH

Please note times vary.

Pilates Classes

Pilates classes are on again.

When: Every Tuesday and Thursday

Where: SCH, Randwick Physiotherapy Gym, Level 0, southern end.

Time: 5.15pm - 6.15pm

Cost: \$10.00 per class

For more information contact Sue Sims, Physiotherapist, telephone number 9382 1050, fax 9382 1079 or email: simss@sesahs.nsw.gov.au

Annual Mandatory Education For All Staff - January to June 2004

Employee preventative health, Infection control, Occupational health and safety, security and personal safety, fire and emergency training, waste management.

All covered in one session!

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm OR 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Where: Lecture Theatre, The Royal Hospital for Women

Dates: Thursday, 13 May and Thursday, 10 June.

BOOKINGS ARE NOT REQUIRED!

The Way Forward Deadline Dates For 2004 Are:

12 OCTOBER AND 9 NOVEMBER.