

CIAP news

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Giving Out Drugs Like Candy...

'Antimicrobial drug resistance is a global problem, and reducing antibiotic use is the most important clinical response. Australian GPs are reported to overprescribe antibiotics, but the extent has not been quantified.'



This statement is what prompted a recent study, published in the [Medical Journal of Australia](#) (MJA), that compared the current rate of antibiotic prescribing for acute respiratory infections (ARIs) in Australian general practice with the recommendations in the most widely consulted therapeutic guidelines in Australia (Therapeutic Guidelines).

The study found that an estimated 5.97 million ARI cases per year are managed in Australian general practice and that antibiotics are prescribed in these cases at rates 4-9 times as high as those recommended by the Therapeutic Guidelines.

The authors of the study stated that the data provides a basis for setting absolute targets for reducing antibiotic prescribing in Australian general practice.

Read the [article](#) for the full results.

The Question

This month's question is:

"Which of the following clinical symbols and abbreviations is a visual for disease or diagnosis?"

The answer is: 

The [Australian Dictionary of Clinical Abbreviations Acronyms & Symbols](#) is an initiative of Health Information Management Association of Australia. This Dictionary allows you to search by symbol, abbreviation, keyword or terms used in health and medicine.



Are you keeping UpToDate with Patient Education?

Integral to evidence based practice, shared decision making enables clinicians and patients to participate jointly in making health decisions. [UpToDate](#) provides patient education handouts inclusive of full-colour images, graphics and charts which educate and promote shared decision-making based on medical evidence and clinical recommendations.



UpToDate offers two levels of content for patients:

1. **The Basics** are short overviews and answers to the most important questions a person might have about a medical problem.
2. **Beyond the Basics** are best for readers who want detailed information and are comfortable with some medical terminology.

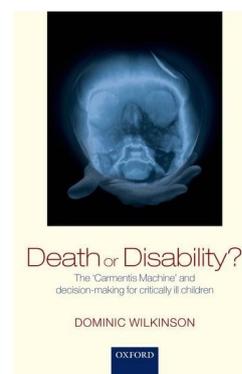
Click [here](#) to browse UpToDate's patient education handouts by category.

CIAP's Book of the Month — Death or Disability?: The 'Carmentis Machine' and decision-making for critically ill children

Death or Disability?: The Carmentis Machine and Decision-Making for Critically Ill Children explores the clinical and psychological complexities and uncertainties of the decisions made daily in the neonatal intensive care unit.

Dominic Wilkinson, a neonatal physician and medical ethicist, analyses the role of impersonal consideration when making decisions about continuing or ending the lives of impaired neonates. He combines philosophy, medicine and science to shed light on current and future dilemmas.

To read the [Death or Disability?](#) and more, go to Books & Dictionaries, which can be found on CIAP's home page.



CIAP App Spotlight — PEMSsoft

PEMSsoft (Paediatric Emergency Medicine Software) is an emergency care decision support tool designed specifically for medical staff working in paediatrics.

The PEMSsoft mobile app provides clinical information specifically for clinicians who treat children. It includes information monographs, graphics, and videos.

PEMSsoft is available from the App Store as well as the Google Play Store.

For more information, visit CIAP's [Mobile Help](#) page.

CIAP Tips and Tricks — eTG complete

This month, CIAP is highlighting the video tutorial of how to use eTG.

eTG (Therapeutic Guidelines) provides Australian evidence and expert opinion-based guidelines as well as advice on drug use for specific indications. It includes explicit instructions for therapy, assisting practitioners in making decisions to ensure their patients receive optimum treatment.

This short video will teach you how to access, navigate and best utilise eTG so that you can efficiently find relevant information and evidence for your speciality or field of interest.

To find this video and others, go to CIAP's [Knowledge Centre](#) and select 'Video Tutorials'.



We'd love to hear from you...

[Tell us](#) what we should discuss in the upcoming CIAP newsletters.

Upcoming CIAP Events

Live online Training

1 August | 14:30-15:30
CIAP Essentials

7 August | 09:00-10:00
Introduction to Ovid

[Register Here](#)

Workshops

22 August | Nursing & Midwifery Royal
Rydges North Sydney

13 September | Medicines Information
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

[Register Here](#)

In-services

21 August | CIAP Essentials
Griffith Base Hospital

22 August | CIAP Essentials
Wagga Wagga Base Hospital

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