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## Discharge Pain Management Plans

There has been a lot of interest from NSW/ACT hospitals in the use of standardised pain management plans at the point of discharge for patients. Responses to the email discussion on this topic suggest that there are no standardised tools currently being used.

It may be of use as a group (NSW and ACT) to consider what the minimum amount of information should be included in a pain management plan for the patient at discharge. A further email discussion will be circulated shortly, seeking your thoughts on what should be included in the plan.

## VQC Acute Pain Management Measurement Toolkit

The Victorian Quality Council has recently released the 'Acute Pain Management Measurement Toolkit'. The toolkit has been designed to assist health services to measure the effectiveness of acute pain management at the individual patient level and the broader system level. The kit contains a number of pain assessment tools, advice on monitoring for side effects and a number of templates to assist in the monitoring of patients.

To find out more and to download the toolkit please go to:  
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/qualitycouncil/activities/acute.htm>. Please note that all the files are available as word documents as well as PDF to assist in adapting the tools for local use.

## Education Intervention

NSW TAG has received some very positive reports from a number of APOP hospital project coordinators on the roll out of the APOP education campaign.

Just as a quick reminder an academic detailing session should include the following:

- One-on-one visit
- Visit conducted by a person trained in academic detailing (*i.e. workshop participant*)
- Use of the academic detailing card, to be left as a gift at the end of the visit.

The **educational intervention activity log sheet** is available on the APOP website and should be used to record the all the educational interventions conducted in your hospital.

## Clinical e-Audit Feedback

The NPS are about to undertake an internal review of the data entry system used in APOP (Clinical e-Audit), in preparation for the next round of data entry later this year. If you have any specific comments on the data entry process that you would like highlighted during the review please email David Maxwell your feedback by May 10<sup>th</sup> (email: [djmaxwell@stvincents.com.au](mailto:djmaxwell@stvincents.com.au)).

## APOP at Safety and Quality Conference 2007

A poster presentation on the APOP initiative has been accepted at the upcoming 5th Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Brisbane, August 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

### To do list:

- Complete and fax your baseline data collection log to NSW TAG. Fax: 02 8382 3529.
- Email any specific feedback on the data entry process to David Maxwell by the 10<sup>th</sup> of May.
- Continue educational activities and maintain the intervention activity log.