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DMACS goes Global

Whilst recruitment of patients continues for project teams within participating hospitals, the key messages of DMACS continue to be promoted across the globe. As advised in the teleconference mid last month, an oral paper will be presented at the upcoming Australasian Conference for Safety and Quality in Health Care in early September. In addition, we can now confirm that the project co-ordinator for Queensland, Lisa Pulver will present an oral paper to European clinicians at the International Society for Quality in Health Care Conference (ISQUA) to be held in Dublin in October of this year.

IMRR Patient Recruitment

There is just under one month for recruitment of patients in the follow-up IMRR- the final date for patient recruitment is July 31st. In recent times, a few questions around the possibility of continuing education during this phase have come to the fore. Please continue to educate medical officers and other staff who have not been involved or introduced to the key messages of DMACS. Although these interventions will not be formally logged, education is vital in closing the gaps from evidence to practice.

Sustainability- Looking to the Future

The ability to create projects with sustainable effect is an important part of the NPS DUE program. At the completion of the previous quality improvement initiative on acute postoperative pain (APOP), a toolkit (based around the surveys and audit tools used during the project) was produced to allow the for continuation

of the process of audit, feedback and education; monitoring of progress made at times convenient for clinicians. Please see http://www.nps.org.au/health_professionals/drug_use_evaluation_due_programs/due_kit_for_hospitals/apop At the conclusion of this project, the national project team would like to produce a similar toolkit to enable sustainability within DMACS hospitals. In order for a toolkit to be created that is useful and practical, NSW TAG is seeking your input on possible information which could be changed, added or deleted from the existing the summary report produced by the e-DUE audit tool.

If you would like to contribute your ideas around possible changes, please send your feedback to tagproject@stvincents.com.au

Of Interest:

Pharmacy Daily has a brief report in their June 25th edition on the burden of heart attack in Australia http://www.pharmacydaily.com.au/get_attachment/71325a09-89b9-4ce8-9fa2-00c809a2ff38/6-25-2009-12-00-00-AM.aspx

DMACS Website:

www.nps.org.au/dmacs
(user name and pass word required)

To do list:

- Continue IMRR follow-up recruitment.
- 31/07/09: Final day of patient recruitment for IMRR
- 24/08/09-28/08/09: Submit IMRR data to NSW TAG
- 02/09/09: Final date for submission of cleaned (IMRR) data to NPS.