



**NSW SPEECH PATHOLOGY ACUTE PAEDIATRIC FEEDING EBP GROUP**  
**TERMS OF REFERENCE**  
**2008**

## **Introduction**

The Speech Pathology Acute Paediatric Feeding EBP group has continued to develop since 2002 as a platform for discussion on Speech Pathology issues related to acute paediatric feeding management. It involves formal and informal liaison between hospital Speech Pathology departments in NSW and strives to continue best practice based on Evidence Based Practice.

The specific aims of the group include:

- To share information between hospital sites re developments and issues in acute paediatric feeding management
- To review literature and evidence in acute paediatric feeding management
- To provide a forum for peer support, guidance and reciprocal education
- To exchange ideas e.g. clinical guidelines, QI projects, Education projects
- To review best practice and common procedures in management
- To provide the opportunity for the potential to conduct multi-site research including benchmarking activities through the collection of Performance and Clinical Indicators related to acute paediatric feeding management.
- Facilitate education and support through education workshops
- Affiliated with NSW Evidence Based Practice network
- Linked with paediatric feeding interest group

## **Operation**

The meetings will operate to an agenda. All agenda items should be forwarded to the Chairperson/coordinator will be known as the Evidence Based Practice leader (EBP) one week prior to meetings

A leader/coordinator will be nominated by the group and elected in the first or last meeting of the year and will remain in the position for a period of one year.

The minute taker will be rotated between the group members at each meeting. The minute taker will type up minutes and actions and forward to the EBP leader for dissemination to the group.

EBP leader to maintain and update contact list as required.

## **Membership**

Due to the nature of the group i.e. as a discussion group, a small membership base is preferred and all members should be currently working with paediatric feeding patients in their workplace.

All members are required to attend at least 4 meetings each year with the responsibility of sharing information to their colleagues in their Speech Pathology departments as required. Access to teleconferencing can be arranged on a needs basis. Members are also required to actively participate in EBP activities.

Due to the group being a discussion group for clinicians currently working with acute paediatric feeding patients, student Speech Pathologists are required to only attend the meetings with their CE as appropriate.

## **Meetings**

The NSW Acute paediatric feeding Discussion and EBP group will meet 6 times annually. This will be Monday mornings every second month. The meeting dates will be set at the last meeting of each year (November/December meeting). The dates and locations for 2008 are as follows: 11<sup>th</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> December

The meetings will be held from 9am – 10:30am.

**Terms of reference developed by the NSW Acute paediatric feeding and EBP group 2008. TOR will be reviewed on an annual basis.**