Neonatal ehandbook updates

Pam and the subcommittee have been working overtime and the following topics have now been added or updated. Click on the topic to go straight to the relevant page.

- **Oxygen Saturation screening** (new topic)
- **Encephalopathy**
- **Hypoglycaemia - postnatal ward**
- **Resuscitation**
- **Rubella in neonates**
- **Limb problems in neonates**
- **Cytomegalovirus in neonates**
- **Syphilis**
- **Toxoplasmosis in neonates**
- **Herpes simplex virus (HSV) in neonates**

If you would like to receive regular updates directly please email neonatal.ehandbook@dhhs.vic.gov.au

Fetal Surveillance Webinar

Mark Beaves from RANZCOG FSEP discussed the Graphical Item Map which is designed to inform the individual clinician of their potential strengths and weaknesses in cardiotocography. The webinar can be viewed for the next 90 days at no cost to you. You must be registered to view the recording.


Changes to surveillance recommendations following newborn hearing screening

The Victorian Infant Hearing Screening Program (VIHSP) has recently reviewed its hearing surveillance protocols along with the annual review of the VIHSP pages in the My Health and Development Record (Green Book). The changes that are being implemented are outlined below.

- Risk factors are now classified as requiring referral to audiology immediately or at 8-12 months of age
- Congenital abnormality of the head and neck: immediate referral to audiology indicated
- Parental concern regarding baby’s hearing: immediate referral no longer indicated
- Indicator for jaundice now defined as severe jaundice at exchange transfusion levels

These changes have been reflected on the VIHSP Audiology Referral Form, and the reasons for referral have been reorganised so that risk factors recommended for immediate follow up are at the top of the list. This referral form is an interactive Adobe file, so that it can be completed and saved electronically. The VIHSP Audiology Referral Form is available at http://www.rch.org.au/vihsp/resources/Audiology_referral/

The My Health and Development Records have been updated in relation to newborn hearing screening:

- Direct Refer has been added as a screen outcome option, for when VIHSP refers the baby to audiology without commencing or completing hearing screening
- Risk factors have been updated as described above, and re-ordered to match the VIHSP Audiology Referral form
- For babies who have received aminoglycoside antibiotics but hadn’t completed their course of
treatment at the time of the hearing screen, an alert has been added to indicate follow up by the MCH nurse.

- A section for parents to record their baby's audiology appointment details has been added.
- The hearing screener's identifier has been added.

The baby's screen result will be recorded in the My Health and Development Record. Babies requiring a repeat screen can be identified via a handwritten note indicating this in the record. If you are unsure about any baby who has not completed their screen, contact the VIHSP staff at your respective maternity hospital or the VIHSP Head Office on (03) 9345-4941. http://infanthearing.vihsp.org.au/home

We are recruiting......

The VMNCN are looking for a project officer to oversee the development of the maternity ehandbook. We are looking for an experienced registered midwife who has an understanding of evidence based guidelines. This position will require strong attention to detail, excellent communication skills and current clinical expertise. The position will be advertised shortly on the Careers Vic https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobtools/jncustomsearch.jobsearch?in_organid=14123

We are also looking for experienced maternity care clinicians to sit on our maternity ehandbook subcommittee. Expressions of interest will be sent to CEO’s seeking nominations. If this interests you, please speak with your CEO or email lisa.or@dhhs.vic.gov.au for additional details.

2017 Nursing and Midwifery Scholarships, Grants and Fellowships

Are you looking at undertaking or are enrolled to study in 2017? The following organisations may have funding that can assist you achieve your goals.

- The Nurses Memorial Centre http://www.nursesmemorialcentre.org.au/scholarships/
- The Australian College of Nursing http://www.acn.edu.au/scholarships

All feedback or contributions welcome. Please direct any enquiries to Lisa Oro Manager Victorian VMNCN lisa.or@dhhs.vic.gov.au
If you wish to receive this publication in an accessible format phone 9096 1355.
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