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I hope you are all enjoying our Irish summer! In this newsletter bulletin we have some photos to share from the Irish Children's Triage Launch that took place in RCSI in June. This unique and important tool for the triage of paediatric patients was featured at the SMACC-DUB conference on the same day.

We are also highlighting two current initiatives that you may have heard about over the past few months: the Ambulance Patient Handover Protocol and the Injury Unit Communication Campaign. Leah Walsh has joined us for a short while to work (extremely hard) on the rollout of the IMIST AMBO Clinical Patient Handover Protocol. The Injury Unit campaign continues to highlight the importance of these Units in the Model of Care that recommends Emergency Care Networks.

Over the next few months there will be a re-invigoration of the Clinical Microsystems Quality Improvement Programme with the appointment of a facilitator dedicated to it within the HSE Quality Improvement Division and EMP. I hope this additional support will help you in a very practical way to progress your quality improvement initiatives.

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Injury Units



There are currently 11 Injury Units in Ireland (<http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/3/injuryunits/>). These units provide unscheduled emergency care for patients with

non-life-threatening or limb-threatening injuries. The aim is to provide care as conveniently and locally as possible, while ensuring patient safety and equitable standards of care within Emergency Care Networks. The Emergency Medicine Programme has been working closely with the Units and the Acute Hospital Division to progress their development and ensure understanding of their important role within Emergency Care Networks. An Injury Unit public awareness campaign is now running with HSE Communications. The purpose of the campaign is to let people know that Injury Units are ideal for the treatment of broken bones, dislocations, sprains, strains, wounds, scalds and minor burns that are unlikely to need admission to hospital. It is also to ensure that the public know that staff in Injury Units perform x-rays, reduce joint dislocations, apply plaster casts and treat wounds by stitches or other means.

There is a video available https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNe6_ykLTIs and more detailed information on each of the Injury Units is available here: <http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/3/injuryunits/>.

Ambulance Patient Handover Protocol [#IMISTAMBO](#)

I	Identification of patient	
M	Mechanism of injury or medical complaint	
I	Injuries or information related to complaint	
S	Signs	Pulse: _____ BP: ____ / ____ mmHg Resps: _____ Sats: _____ % GCS: E ____ V ____ M ____ BG: _____ mmol/L Temp: _____ °C
T	Treatment and trends	

Pause for Questions

A	Allergies	
M	Medication	
B	Background	
O	Other Information	

Any Further Questions

The National Ambulance Patient Handover Protocol, known as IMIST AMBO was first developed in Ireland in 2013 in collaboration with the Prehospital Emergency Care Council, National Ambulance Service, Dublin Fire Brigade, and the National Emergency Medicine Programme. The Protocol is based on the handover protocol implemented by New South Wales, and looks for a “hands off, eyes on” approach to interdisciplinary handovers between prehospital and hospital staff, and allows for the handover of both the stable and unstable patient.

This year there has been a huge drive to implement the Protocol in all Emergency Departments in Ireland. A 15-minute training video was created and a 2 hour training and information session was held in RCSI on 27th of July. Clerical, nursing and medical staff attended the session, along with representatives from all parties involved in the creation of the Protocol. The training day proved to be successful with 72 people attending the lecture and over 500 people logging in to the live web stream.

Following the training and information session, all departments were offered active support from the implementation team, with communication via phone and email, and site visits where required. Additionally, there was collaboration with the Dublin Fire Brigade and National Ambulance Service to ensure close communication and a joined collaboration to achieve national implementation.

This Protocol, not only aims to improve interdisciplinary communications, improve monitoring of qualitative and quantitative data, promote active listening and improve handover quality, but most importantly, it aims to improve patient safety.

The presentation and live recording of the Information/Training session are available to view on EMNOW: please click [here](#)

A Link to the 15-minute IMISTAMBO Handover Training Video is available on both [YouTube](#) and [HSELand](#)

Leah Walsh is available as the support for implementation until 9th September

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Irish Children's Triage System (ICTS)

ICTS was officially launched on the 16th of June in RCSI and was also featured at Social Media and Critical Care Conference ([SMACC](#)) in the National Convention Centre. Following the launch ICTS is now the National Standard for Triage of all children who present to EDs in Ireland.

An ICTS 'Train the Trainer Refresher' study day for ED Staff took place on the 13th of July delivered by the Paediatric CNM3s.



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EVENTS

The following events may be of interest to those working in the field of Emergency Medicine:

Third National Sepsis Summit

The Third National Sepsis Summit will take place on the :

Date: 20th of September from 9am-5pm

Venue: The Convention Centre, Dublin Castle

A National Clinical & Integrated Care Programme Forum

Theme: "THE JOURNEY TO PERSON-CENTRED INTEGRATED CARE

- NEW WAYS OF WORKING"

Date: Tuesday 18th October 2016 (10.30 - 15.30)

Venue: Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin 8

Please click here to register. You will receive a confirmation notice if your registration has successfully acquired one of the 300 available places.

IAEM Conference

The Irish Association for Emergency Medicine Annual Scientific Meeting will be held on the 20th and 21st October in Clontarf Castle Hotel, Dublin. The 2 days will include high quality research presentations, evidence based updates on all aspects of emergency care practice and an exciting social programme. The Scientific programme will cover the full spectrum of emergency care, from pre-hospital to in-hospital care, including emergency nursing

Date: Thursday 20th October 2016 at 08.00-Friday 21st October 2016 at 11.00

Venue: Clontarf Castle Hotel

National Patient Safety Conference / NCEC Symposium

The National Patient Safety Conference (incorporating the National Clinical Effectiveness Symposium)

Date: Wednesday, 7 December - Thursday, 8 December 2016

Venue: The Printworks, Dublin Castle

If you work in an emergency setting and would like to share an upcoming event with the EM community, please e-mail emp@rcsi.ie