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Welcome to our August 2018 Newsletter, published in the same month as the keenly anticipated Sláintecare Implementation Strategy!

In this issue, we note the launch of the Level 8 Foundation Programme in Emergency Nursing, closing a missing link in the journey from interested student to expert emergency nurse. We continue to report ongoing QI work in EDs throughout the country and highlight the forthcoming EMS Gathering. Emergency Medicine is all about team-work and this is exemplified by the gathering that is the EMS Gathering, emphasising the complex interdependencies involved in ensuring the highest possible standard of delivery of care, irrespective of the stage in the chain of emergency care of any individual patient or how many patients are in need of care. This understanding and co-operation will be particularly relevant in preparation for the forthcoming mass "Mass" gathering of a heterogenous population in the Phoenix Park in a couple of weeks time.

We welcome the inclusion of the Acute Floor proposal in Slaintecare, as a way of optimising patient flow in and around Emergency Departments in this time of increasing workloads, particularly presentations related to frailty, conditions requiring time-critical interventions and the roll-out of Trauma Networks.

Gerry McCarthy, Clinical Lead, National Emergency Medicine Programme (emp@rcsi.ie)

Launch of the Level 8 Foundation Programme in Emergency Nursing

The Level 8 Foundation Programme in Emergency Nursing was launched on 13th June 2018 by Ms Mary Wynne, Nursing and Midwifery Services Director, and Deputy National Director, Clinical Strategy and Programmes Division in the Albert Theatre, RCSI. The audience was also addressed by Ms Fiona McDaid, Nurse Lead, National Emergency Medicine Programme, Dr Gerry McCarthy, Clinical Lead, National Emergency Medicine Programme and Dr Pearse Murphy, Head of Department of Nursing and Health Science, AIT on behalf of the Institutes of Technology Consortium

Applications are currently open for the next course commencing in September 2018.



(L-R: Dr Pearse Murphy AIT, Ms. Fiona McDaid Nurse Lead EMP, Dr Gerry McCarthy Clinical Lead EMP, Ms Mary Wynne Interim Nursing and Midwifery Services Director & Assistant National Director)



(L-R Mary Wynne, Dr Gerry McCarthy, Briega King, Dr Pearse Murphy, Dr Louise McBride, Marva Fitzpatrick, Fiona McDaid)



Emergency Nursing Interest Group

Quality Improvement at the frontline

The Quality Improvement Division in collaboration with the Emergency Medicine Program continues to work with frontline staff in Emergency Departments. We are using an approach known as microsystems, which recognises that multi-disciplinary frontline teams are the ones best placed to identify and improve aspects of care in their work setting. The teams are all part of a collaborative which has allowed them to develop a network of improvers from emergency departments and all staff have put in enormous efforts over the last six months.

A recent Shared Learning Event -Celebration Day for the teams from the DML hospital group highlighted the variety of initiatives in the group. The day was widely supported by HSE staff and showed how ED staff respond to patient opinions and concerns. This work will be continuing in other hospital groups throughout 2018/2019.

Participants have stated “this approach is allowing us to change what is important to the patients who come to our department in a much quicker way than we would normally make changes “.

If you would like further information re same please contact lisa.toland@hse.ie



Naas ED Team along with Dr Gerry McCarthy(EMP) and Susan Temple (DML)



Tullamore ED Team , with Dr Gerry McCarthy (EMP)



Portlaoise ED Team, Lisa Toland (QID), Mary Browne (QID)



Tallaght Hospital ED Team, Lisa Toland (QID), Mary Browne (QID)

Events- EMS Gathering

The **EMS Gathering**, the biggest pre-hospital conference in Western Europe, will be held on the 12th and 13th of September in the Victorian Quarter of Cork City, minutes from the train station.

The programme will have something for all those interested in pre-hospital emergency care irrespective of qualification or experience. National and international experts will deliver education in a style and location that will leave a lasting impression. It is a unique multi-agency event bringing together Acute Hospitals, Ambulance, Navy, Army, An Garda Síochána, Addiction, Voluntary services and more to deliver a unique learning experience. International speakers including Simon Carley, MJ Slabbert, Chief Mike Nolan, Andy Newton as well as EMS Gathering stalwarts Prof Mike Abernathy, Ret. Commander Tim Coakley, Dr Mark Forrest fly will share their experience.

EMS Gathering emphasises 'learning with leisure' from each other; the atmosphere is fun and relaxed and often out into "the great outdoors" where new acquaintances and friendships are forged along with learning objectives. This year's morning sessions will be held in the Everyman Theatre; the conference hotel is the Metropole Hotel; check out our website www.emsgathering.ie 'Learning with leisure' workshops in the afternoons include Airport Disasters at Cork Airport's training facility, a Street Medicine workshop involving Addiction, Homeless, Liaison Psychiatry and Ambulance Services, Crew Resource Management training on board a vessel with members of Irish Air Corp, difficult entrapment and extrication challenges with the ATACC faculty, health and well being workshops on kayaks on the River Lee, the Sepsis "pus bus" tour and the Tour de Force of emergency skills workshop as well as POCUS workshops and much more! We are delighted to co-promote RESUSCITATE running the 10-11th Sept at ASSERT, UCC where you can practice resuscitative skills on fresh frozen cadavers <https://www.resuscitate.ie/> with international faculty.

Please click on the link below to register.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/emsgathering-2018-tickets-45159710911>



EMS Gathering Team 2018



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