

Health Education Collaborative Newsletter

A message from the CEO



Bruce Greaves
CEO/Director

Welcome to issue 14

The year seems to be flying!

With COVID still dominating how we work our strategy has always been to maintain a safe and compliant learning environment. My role with DHHS delivering PPE and COVID awareness training proved that even during the height of the second wave, we can deliver safe face to face programs to over 1500 participants with not one participant becoming infected.

Our biggest hurdle now is complacency. Generally, people are a little tired and believe with the vaccination rollout life will return to normal. Unfortunately, this is far from the truth. I believe we will be in this “holding pattern” for at least two years so now is the time to ensure protocols and practice are maintained to the highest standards.

We are extremely pleased to be working in collaboration with the National Disability Service (NDS) in the delivery of a face-to-face Champions Infection Prevention Control (IPC) Awareness and PPE training model and the development of an online program for the remainder of their staff. This is a fantastic, proactive ongoing commitment by NDS to support disability workers, clients and families of such to ensure ongoing safety.

Our fracture management program has been extremely well received by GPs, physiotherapists, and nurses alike. We will soon be scheduling courses interstate, so please get in touch if you would like to organise a course in your state.

We hope to see you during 2021.

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Course Development

NDS Champions Program and Online Course

Collaborative NDS/HEC Infection Prevention Control Awareness Champions program and online course.

This is an exciting and important course for disability services.

The commitment from NDS to develop this program in collaboration with HEC and provide this training for disability workers shows the commitment they place on providing the safest working environments throughout the organisation and upskilling workers to respond appropriately should an outbreak occur.

The model developed by HEC involves training workplace champions who then go on to support other workers (who complete the online course) through workplace activities and assessments.

The objective is that workers will adopt the principles of IPC as the daily normal and not just something that is implemented during outbreak.

The program is very interactive and supported by video, audio and interactive screen activities to suit the different learning styles of individuals.

Clinical Update



Margaret Vilella
**Executive Director/
Director of
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Clinical question with Marg

Answer for last month's question.

What are the normal values for CRP and ESR?

Values less than 10 milligrams per litre (10mg/L), is considered normal range for C-reactive protein.

ESR increases with age and is raised in pregnancy and anaemia. The normal range for 18 years and over is 0 - 15 mm/Hr.

This month's clinical question

Systematically interpret this rhythm strip.



How might the person with this rhythm present?

Courses

Fracture Management Course

We were incredibly pleased to have Ms Susan Liew (Orthopaedic & Spine Surgeon, Director Orthopaedic Surgery at The Alfred and Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor at Monash University), join us for the morning session. Susan was representing The Orthopaedic Association of Australia as part of our quality review process for course delivery.

The session was also attended by Rob Stewart, Business Development and Marketing Manager, Holmesglen Private Hospital Moorabbin. Rob has been instrumental in promoting clinical education for Holmesglen staff and the greater clinical community.

Dr David Maccora an emergency doctor and experienced fracture management clinician assisted on the day guiding participants as they practiced various casting techniques.



From left Rob Stewart, Susan Liew, Bruce Greaves, David Maccora (in green) with two participants.



Susan and Rob with casting action happening in the background.



Two participants practicing volar splinting.

The Fracture Management Course is a collaborative course with the Australian Orthopaedic Association. There is an online component as well as a one-day face to face to practical session.

If you would like to enroll in the course, please [click here](#).

The next scheduled course is:

Northpark Private Hospital Bundoora on Saturday, 20 March 2021.

If you would like to organise a course for your organisation, please contact us info@healthec.com.au or phone Marg on 0419939458.

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