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# Health Education Collaborative Newsletter



## A note from the CEO

Bruce Greaves



I am sure we are all glad 2021 is behind us. Unfortunately, 2022 hasn't started so well. In this edition, we take a look back at some of the work we did in 2021 and the year ahead.

I think we can expect 2022 to be as challenging as the past two years as we move forward through the pandemic with constant changes in health policy, directives and new variants of the virus. With this in mind it is important that we get back to other education rather than just COVID related training.

My view is that we drop the "COVID" education and get back to best practice infection prevention and control education and training as a yearly ongoing requirement just like we do for CPR, and to get back to all clinical skills education and training across the board.

The deskilling in many areas over the past 24 months is of great concern to many clinician. Undergraduate nursing students in the most part have had less than a few weeks clinical placement during this time. Are they really going to be adequately prepared for the real world. There are so many areas that have suffered from the pandemic. Now is the time to plan and structure for 2022 so we don't fall behind further.

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# 2021 Wrap up

2021 was a roller coaster of lock downs and restrictions. Our early focus was for the National Disability Service (NDS) delivering training and education across the state.

Further outbreaks lead to training the ADF ramp up once again.

Due to the success of the NDS training, we were contracted to develop an online IPC program contextualised for their needs and cohort.

With the success of the face to face and online NDS program we were contracted by Safer Care Victoria State Government to contextualise the program for Maternal and Child Health Nurses which included filming donning and doffing on a very wet and rainy day in Rathdowne St Carlton. Both of the above have been a great successes.

We finally got back to delivering face to face training of our Australian Orthopaedic Association collaborative Fracture management course with courses being delivered in Melbourne metro and regional Victoria, including a number of courses for Goulburn Valley Health who were very proactive in maintaining clinical skills training during lockdowns when restrictions allowed for safe delivery.

We purchased the latest qualitative N95 respirator fit testing machines, completed our training and were contracted to fit test all the Federal Government vaccination hubs and respiratory clinics in Victoria. We also provided fit testing for the Department of Health, the Department of Families Fairness and Housing and many private medical clinics.

We were contracted by RMIT to provide N95 fit testing for nursing students in preparation for their upcoming clinical placements.

The Department of Families Fairness and Housing consulted with HEC to provide IPC PPE onsite training for staff and security personal of the hotels providing housing for disadvantage people, many of who had contracted COVID. We also provided an on-call advice service for staff and provided N95 fit testing for the same cohort.

In the mean time our online courses kept on providing high quality education.

*“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever”*

MAHATMA GANDHI

## UPCOMING EDUCATION SESSIONS

Check the website for upcoming dates in 2022.

## ONLINE COURSES

### ECG Basics

Suitable for all nurses, paramedics and doctors that need to be able to interpret an ECG.

[Click here](#) to register.

### Clinical Assessment

Suitable for nurses, nursing students medical students and doctors. A thorough systematic assessment is vital in order to assesses patients and to recognise early deterioration.

[Click here](#) to register.

## The year in review!

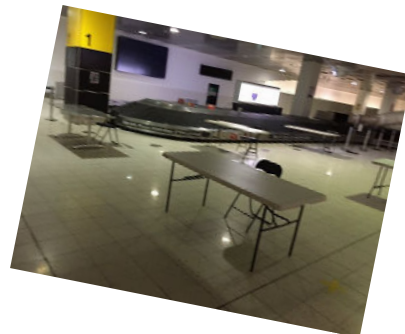
Here is a snapshot of a few of the things we have been up to.



Course being observed by The Business manager of Holmesglen Hospital Moorabbin and peer review by the Director of Orthopaedics Alfred Health.



## Fracture Management Courses



Supporting the infection prevention control training of airport staff including federal police, boarder force and authorised officers.



Providing IPC and PPE training for National Disability Service



Ongoing training and support in the COVID response for the Department of Health

I went camping in out back SA during a very brief period where we could cross the boarder



Trained over 1800 ADF personal to date.

Marg and Sharon  
running a fit testing  
session at the Aboriginal  
Health service  
respiratory clinic Fitzroy



Provided qualitative and quantitative N95 and P2 respirator mask fit testing for the DHS Infection Prevention and response team, Occupational physicians, and resident support officers, federally run vaccination hubs and respiratory clinics throughout Victoria and RMIT Nursing students.

## 2022 *The year ahead*

We are looking forward to expanding in 2022 and are hoping that we will soon have established a NSW division.

In the next few weeks our website will have a revamp.

Our work with the NDS continues with the prospect of our online IPC programs being adopted nationally in the near future.

Expansion of our team and online development capabilities.

New programs will be coming, delivered in mixed mode delivery format. We are looking to develop a comprehensive practical ENT and ophthalmology program to name a few.

Onsite scenario training program by our expert team for rural and regional health services and metro general practices.

Expansion of our N95/P2 respirator fit testing for health services by our expert respiratory protection team who not only fit test masks but provide crucial education about masks and respiratory protection.

We look forward to partnering with new organisations to develop new programs and collaborate with our existing partners in developing best practice skills and education programs.

*“It’s not that I’m so smart, it’s just that I stay with problems longer”*

ALBERT EINSTEIN

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