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Clinical Spotlight



Clinical Spotlight is our new segment, where each month we will focus on refreshing our knowledge and skills around a relevant clinical concept. If you have ideas for topics to focus on, we encourage you to **submit your suggestion here or via the QR** <u>code</u>. Suggestions could be related to anything that you or your colleagues have come across in your clinical practice which you would like us to help you review and refresh your knowledge on.

Making suggestions helps keep this newsletter and its segments relevant and useful for you!

Speaking a Common Drug Dosage Language – Safe Administration of Drug Infusions in Critical Care

In critical care we give many drugs to our patients and our more acutely unwell patients are rarely without the Christmas tree of infusion pumps that flash and beep at us. It is with this in mind that I want to highlight an element of clinical practice that will make the communication around, and delivery of these infusions, safer for our patients.

Having a consistent language for when we talk about the dosage of any drug we are infusing to our patient is vitally important to maintain their safety as we monitor for any changes in their condition and titrate a number of these infusions to physiological measurements.

In the first instance, drugs should be prescribed in reference to mcg/kg/min as recommended dosages are expressed this way, thus allowing comparisons to be made between recommended drug doses and prescribed dose levels to ensure safe administration. Continued monitoring of the dose being delivered, especially if the nurse is titrating the rate up, should be communicated in mcg/kg/min. This will highlight if the current dose is within recommended limits or above a clinical threshold, and will therefore be an indicator of a problem, a deterioration, and/or a need to change or add to the therapies being delivered.

I can guarantee that there are a number of different preparation techniques for all the complex sedation, vasoactive, and other drugs that we run as infusions in our critical care units. A dangerous, misleading, and confusing practice is then to talk about these drugs based on the volume of fluid being infused.

Take the example of "my patient is on 15ml/hr of noradrenaline". So what? Is 15ml/hr a lot? It really depends on the preparation, so how much actual drug the patient is receiving is influenced by how the infusion is mixed or prepared. Is this a concentration of 0.06mg/ml of noradrenaline as in a 6mg/100ml

infusion, or 0.04mg/ml for a 4mg/100ml infusion, or any other possible concentration usually influenced by what size vial the drug comes in? If you ask around other hospitals, even in your local area, it is highly likely you will find a large variety of preparation protocols. The extra risk associated with this approach is that when clinical staff move around different ICUs or critical care facilities, being unaware that a different preparation is being used can lead to a potentially dangerous misunderstanding of a dosage being delivered when only ml/hr are discussed.

The final point to consider is what this dosage means for this patient. In the case of a dosage of 0.06mg/ml, is this for a 20kg child, a 75kg adult or a 150kg adult? This is when absorption and body surface area become important to understand the strength of the dose that you are delivering. This dose in a smaller sized patient is certainly a more significant and a relatively higher dose then in a larger patient. So, to avoid this confusion we need to remind ourselves how to calculate a dosage of mcg/kg/min and use this as our mainstay for infusion rate communication. Let's go through the steps with an example:

Table: Calculating mcg/kg/min

Step	Process	Example
What is the infusion mix or preparation?	as per your unit protocol	6mg/100ml
What is the concentration?	Drug volume/volume of diluent	6/100 = 0.06mg/ml
Convert to mcg (if needed)	x1000	$0.06 \times 1000 = 60 \text{mcg/ml}$
Convert to minutes	/60	60/60 = 1 mcg/ml/min
Relate this to the current rate your patient is receiving	x rate (in this example 15mls)	1x15 = 15mcg/min
Relate this to your patient's weight	/weight (kg)	15/20 = 0.75mcg/kg/min 15/75 = 0.2mcg/kg/min 15/150 = 0.1mcg/kg/min

It is certainly apparent then that a dosage of 0.75mcg/kg/min is a much more significant dosage than 0.1mcg/kg/min and highlights the clinical condition of our patients more clearly.

You may already be doing this in your practice but be ready to encourage those newer to critical care to maintain this practice of drug calculation. Checking and communicating drug infusion delivery using consistent dosages and concentrations promotes safe patient care.

Key Learning Point: Having a common language using mcg/kg/min when referring to intravenous drug infusions makes communication of the dosage consistent and clearly conveys your patient's clinical condition.

Written by Kylie Thompson (ACCCN National Nurse Educator)

Australian Critical Care (ACC) Journal Highlight

The Australian Critical Care Journal is a wonderful wealth of current research and practice developments available to members of ACCCN! To highlight this, I aim to focus on one article to summarise, and so encourage you to read it in full.

Our article this month is: Weatherburn, C. & Greenwood, M. (2023). The role of the intensive care nurse in the medical emergency team: A constructivist grounded theory study. *Australian Critical Care, 36,* 119-136. DOI: 10.1016/j.aucc.2022.12.003

Whether you have or haven't yet worked as a nursing member of a MET, rapid response, ALS etc team it is interesting to reflect on the perceived role of the ICU or critical care nurse who is a member of this team.



Key Idea: An interesting article to read as you start moving into the MET/ALS nurse position or as something to help you reflect on your practice if you are already in this role. Framing the role of the ICU/critical care nurse in the MET/ALS team as essential to 'keeping the patient safe'.

In this study observation of the ICU nurse as they attended MET calls and interviews with them around their understanding of their role provided a wealth of data analysed using a constructivist grounded theory approach. The strength of this approach is the thematic categorisation it can achieve to give a comprehensive understanding of the concept being researched.

In general, rapid response systems, including the MET team, are seen to reduce adverse events such as cardiac arrest (in hospitals). When we focus on the ICU nurse's role in this team this study reveals the following major concepts of the role:

- Working with a systematic framework for decision-making by proficiently performing patient assessment and interventions
- Approaching the event with a problem solving and critical thinking perspective so appropriate and prioritised care is provided to the patient
- Directing care by being assertive, competent, and confident especially in the leadership of the nursing team (including the ward staff) and being supportive of and communicating with the other members of the team (e.g., medical staff)
- Maintaining patient safety by knowing the patient, involving the patient, and thereby facilitating the provision of holistic patient-centred care.

The knowledge and skills that a critical care nurse has in their usual clinical practice is easily transferred and enhanced within the MET/ALS team role. The role calls upon technical competency in patient assessment, patient monitoring, recognition and understanding of clinical deterioration along with advanced resuscitation skills and the non-technical skill of being a nursing leader. In essence performing a role to 'keep the patient safe'.

I will leave you with a few questions to reflect on – Who is in the role of MET/ALS nurse in your institution? Are you an MET/ALS nurse and do you agree with the description of the role in the study? What initial training do these nurses get? What ongoing support do these nurses have to maintain and develop their skills? Does this conceptualisation of the role influence your thoughts on the training and skills these nurses should have?

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ACCCN Advisory Panels

Meet the ACCCN Advisory Panels for 2023/2024

End-of-Life Advisory Panel



Chair – Professor Melissa Bloomer

Professor Melissa Bloomer is Chair of the End-of-Life Advisory Panel, and a member of the Research Advisory Panel. Melissa holds a joint appointment as the Professor in Critical Care Nursing at Griffith University, and the Princess Alexandra Hospital ICU in Brisbane. Melissa's main program of research focuses on end-of-life care across critical care and acute care practice settings. She is passionate about improving endof-life communication, decision-making, family care and participation, and supporting

particularly vulnerable cohorts of patients (and their family) at the end of life.

The End-of-Life Advisory Panel produced the first national position statement to guide end-of-life care in critical care (available on the ACCCN website), and most recently published a review to examine and describe the critical care nurses' experience after patient death in adult critical care. So, suffice to say, Melissa and the rest of the End-of-Life Advisory Panel are a highly committed, passionate and productive group, who have great plans to continue to support and inform critical care nursing practice through their work.

Panel Members - Laura Brooks (QLD), Alysia Coventry (VIC), Kristen Ranse (QLD), Jessie Rowe (VIC) and Shontelle Thomas (QLD).

Paediatric Advisory Panel



Chair – Dr Stephen McKeever

Dr McKeever is a lecturer within University of Melbourne's Department of Nursing. Most of his clinical experience has focused on caring for critically ill children and their families. This experience has been gained across the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Australia.

In August 2012, Stephen graduated with a PhD from The University of Melbourne. His doctoral thesis examined electroencephalograph changes occurring in children during anaesthesia. Since this time Stephen has supervised doctoral, and master's, students in various aspects of children's pain management and family interactions.

Stephen has had a long active involvement with ACCCN and was an inaugural member of our national Paediatric Advisory Panel. In addition, he has been paediatric nursing convener for ANZICS/ACCCN Annual Scientific meetings. In 2021, Stephen returned to Australia and ACCCN. At this time, he became Paediatric Advisory Panel Chair. Recently, Stephen joined our Global Health Advisory Panel.

Since January 2020 Stephen has been Journal of Child Health Care's Editor in Chief. This journal is an international, interdisciplinary and peer reviewed journal. It focuses on issues related to health and healthcare of neonates, children, young people, and their families.

Panel Members – Paul Bloomfield (QLD), Amy Johansen (VIC), Late Leutert (NSW/ACT), Alkisty Long (SA/NT), Lauren Morgan (QLD), Jessica Schults (QLD) and Melanie Tarantik (NSW).

Global Health Advisory Panel



Chair – Rose Jaspers

Rose is the President of ACCCN Vic Committee. Having very recently retired from lecturing in the intensive care nursing stream of the Master of Advanced Clinical Nursing at Monash University, the ACCCN has offered abundant opportunity to remain engaged in critical care nursing which is her passion. The mutually beneficial roles in ACCCN as adjunct staff at the School of Nursing and Midwifery allows her to continue to influence projects in her field of expertise. Having visited Papua New

Guinea as part of a fact-finding mission to explore and understand the current context of critical care nursing, Rose found a new passion within the critical care nursing – that of global health. This opportunity has led to introductions to the many amazing nurses already involved in global health projects.

Rose is honoured to be the Chair of the newly formed ACCCN Global Health Advisory Panel and looks forward to working closer with these amazing nurses and our international colleagues identifying ways in which the ACCCN can positively influence global health in the critical care environment.

Panel Members: Ylona Chun Tie (QLD), Tania Lovell (QLD), Stephen McKeever (VIC), Andy Macey (VIC), Mikheil Matcharadze (VIC), Melissa Njoku (VIC), Beth Price (SA/NT), Ged Williams (WA).

Quality Advisory Panel



Chair - Associate Professor Frances Lin

Frances is an established acute and critical care researcher and educator. Her research expertise is in health services research, implementation science, and designing complex interventions to improve patient safety and quality of care. Her current program of research focuses on patient flow in the adult intensive care units, including delayed admission, delayed discharge, and after-hours discharge. Collaborating with others and helping health services/organisations to build clinical

research capacity are key features of Frances Lin's work. She currently leads the Acute and Complex Care Research group at the School of Health, University of the Sunshine Coast. Frances is the Associate Editor of Elsevier's Intensive and Critical Care Nursing journal.

Frances has been an active contributor to ACCCN. She has been a member of the Quality Advisory Panel, the Research Advisory Panel, and the Education Advisory Panel. She was a working party member of the ANZICS Intensive Care Clinical Indicators review in 2015 and 2019 as ACCCN's representative.

Panel Members - Malcolm Elliott (VIC), Rebecca Jarden (VIC), Rebecca Jarden (VIC) and Philip Peter (VIC).

Research Advisory Panel



Chair – A/Prof Naomi Hammond

Naomi is an intensive care nurse researcher who is the Critical Care Program Lead at The George Institute for Global Health. She also works part-time as an Intensive Care Clinical Research Manager at Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney, Australia. Naomi holds several other appointments including NHMRC Emerging Leader Fellow; Conjoint Associate Professor at the Faculty of Medicine, University of New South Wales; Editorial Board Member for Australian Critical Care Journal; and Senior

Research Fellow with Sepsis Australia.

Naomi's main research interests include fluid resuscitation, sepsis, fever management, knowledge translation and implementation research, health economics, and long-term outcomes post critical illness. Naomi has experience supervising and mentoring medical trainees, nursing staff, PhD, Masters and medical students in both the clinical and academic environment.

Additional to Naomi's academic portfolio, she also has extensive clinical trials operational management experience including finance, regulatory processes, personnel, project, and program management in a clinical and NGO environment.

Panel Members: Frances Bass (NSW/ACT), Melissa Bloomer (QLD), Hugh Davies (WA), Joanne Harmon (SA/NT), Samantha Keogh (QLD), Frances Lin (QLD), Debbie Long (QLD), Auxillia Madhuvu (VIC), Stephanie O'Connor (SA/NT), Jessica Schults (QLD).

Resuscitation Advisory Panel



Chair – Margaret Nicholson

Margaret is a Nurse Practitioner with over 30 years of ICU experience, having held a variety of positions enabled her to build upon her strengths. These positions include After-hours Nurse Unit Manager developing her leadership skills, as the Project Officer for MET KPI and Reporting Systems utilising research skills, giving her a greater understanding of change management theories.

Having a keen interest in resuscitation and a member of the Medical Emergency Team, focusing on collaborative practice led her to the position of Nurse Practitioner. Her interest in resuscitation led to working with the Clinical Excellence Commission and the Agency for Clinical Innovation in NSW and continues her commitment to improving systems that identify patients at risk of deterioration.

Margaret has been an ACCCN member for many years and remembers being assessed against the original ACCCN competencies. She has been actively involved as a committee member with ACCCN since 2007, assisting with conference organising, seminar days, presenting workshops and an invited speaker at State and National events. Margaret represents ACCCN on the Australian and New Zealand Resuscitation Council. She holds the Deputy Convener position on the ALS subcommittee, ensuring that ACCCN is able to review and contribute to guidelines. Margaret is committed to advocating for change for nurses and acting as a role model to inspire our future leaders and looks forward to working with the panel members sharing their passion and knowledge for all things resuscitation.

Panel Members: Wenche Kverneland (NSW/ACT), Leanne Redfern (NSW/ACT), Andrea Reid (QLD)

Education Advisory Panel



Chair – Dr Melanie Greenwood

Dr Melanie Greenwood is a critical care nurse who has a long association with the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses. She brings a wealth of experience from critical care clinical practice and associated expertise in teaching. She is the current chair of the Education Advisory Panel and a state branch member in Tasmania. Her research interests focus upon recognition and response to physiological deterioration, and professional standards for critical care education.

Panel Members: Belinda Causby (NSW/ACT), Angelique Clarke (VIC), Carol Grech (SA/NT), Kat Hite (SA/NT), Jacqueline Jauncey-Cooke (QLD), Deb Massey (QLD), Kaye Rolls (NSW/ACT), Farida Saghafi (NSW/ACT) and Amanda Serra (VIC).

Workforce Advisory Panel



Chair – Philip Peter

Philip Peter has been a member of the ACCCN Victorian Committee since 2019, commencing as the VIC Treasurer and state Representative on the National Finance Committee in 2020. Philip completed his Coronary Care Course at Frankston Hospital in 1986, and the Paediatric Intensive Care Course at the Royal Children's Hospital in 1988. Philip worked in a number of Coronary Care Units in Melbourne over several years, as well as in neonatal units as an educator, and the NUM at the (Old) Royal Women's Hospital. Philip is also a midwife of many years and passionately believes

that women who are unwell during pregnancy, labour and after birth, should be able to receive specialised skilled midwifery, nursing and medical attention just like any other critically ill person, which is often overlooked because they may appear to be healthy one minute and not the next. He hopes that one day there is appropriate training and education for both midwives and nurses to be able to gain these specialist skills in an ongoing basis.

Philip has currently taken on a Director of Nursing role within a regional hospital for 12 months to cover leave as well as undertaking the challenge of multiple portfolios within the community space. Philip is currently on the Board at East Grampians Health Service and Chair of the Clinical Governance Committee. Over the last two years Philip has also been a member of the Emission Reduction Policy Working Group for the Australian College of Nursing, which has produced a number of documents that can be located on the ACN website.

Philip spends time in the garden, looking at recipe books and cooking on weekends, and will spend a whole day in the kitchen.

Panel Members: Brad Cummins (QLD), Michelle Foster (QLD), Lauren Morgan (QLD), Paul Ross (VIC)

For further information or to contact the Advisory Panels please email rnapier@acccn.com.au

ACCCN AWARDS

ACCCN Student Prize Winner

Congratulations to Maddie Newlands who is the recipient of the 2022 UTAS student prize (post graduate certificate in Intensive Care). The prize is donated by ACCCN Tas Branch. Maddie commenced the Introduction to Critical Care program at the Royal Hobart Hospital ICU in 2021. She completed the post graduate ICU course in 2022 and is continuing to consolidate in ICU at the Royal Hobart Hospital.

Cindy Weatherburn (Left) and Maddie Newlands (Right)



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ACCCN Event Review

WA Quiz Night Review



The inaugural Western Australian Branch of Australian College of Critical Care Nurses Quiz Night took place on Friday the 3rd of February 2023 at the impressive art deco Mount Lawley Bowling Club. The aim of the quiz night was to start off the year with a fun night to give back to our membership group, those nurses who work and commit so much to others on a daily basis. The quiz night was also to enable the community to come together and enjoy a night of fun and frivolity, raise funds for ongoing educational opportunities for the college members, whilst acknowledging the specialized work nurses do within the community.

There were amazing prizes donated from the list of sponsors below and the WA ACCCN committee thanks them all for their generosity in supporting the event:

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- Flight Centre Armadale
- Springfield Honey Farm
- Cheesecake shop Armadale
- Wine Men of Gotham
- Metro Bar & Bistro Perth
- The Corrugations Band
- Your Life Clinic





It was a fantastic night with all tables winning at least a prize.

The following results for the three major prizes were:

- 1st prize to the Brue shirts
- 2nd prize to the Ellie Retzlaff group
- 3rd prize no name table 1

The Kimberley Queens cleaned up with the raffles.



The band "The Corrugations" played on till midnight after the winners were announced – thank you for donating your time.

A special thanks to Jeremy Davies who was the Master of Ceremonies on the night plus ran all the IT showcasing what the ACCCN provide for their members. There was also rotating reels of past and future ACCCN events plus the sponsors logos.

The event could not have occurred without the efforts of the WA ACCCN Branch Committee listed below. The committee worked very hard to arrange prizes, set up the event and clean up afterwards. They all deserve a very big thank you.

The event raised \$2,429 for the WA Branch members plus a \$2000 anonymous donation for WA ACCCN members education totalling \$4,429.

The WA ACCCN committee is always looking for new members, check out the **ACCCN website for upcoming events.**

Photos: Top left: A lucky winner picking a raffle prize. Bottom left: The band 'The Corrugations'. Right: The marking team – the correct answer was our answer! From right to left: John Taplin WA Branch Vice President, Sitting pretty in the middle Ms Roxanne White ACCCN Education Co-Ordinator (WA), Far left Dr Kylie Davies WA ACCCN branch committee member (Quiz night lead organiser but was one of many involved).

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INDUSTRY UPDATES

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The Barwon Health ICU strives to achieve a culture of patient-centred care through respect, compassion, commitment, accountability, and innovation. The successful applicant will be supported through leadership training, and professional development planning to help them realise their goals. This culture has created a dynamic environment where high quality care is delivered.

Lindsay, a Barwon Health ICU nurse who relocated to Geelong from New Zealand says "I feel supported at Barwon Health and have had multiple opportunities since relocating from New Zealand. "Working at Barwon Health I am surrounded by a diverse and wonderful group of people that I am proud to call both colleagues and friends. I can also spend my free time on the beautiful coast; surfing, wading through rock pools and soaking up the sunshine with my family which gives me great work life balance" Why not Broaden Your Horizons and Line up your life and career with us at Barwon Health in Victoria, Australia.

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