

PICU Children's Health
Quality Improvements/Initiatives/Activities 2009/2011

Area of Focus	Clinical and/or Quality Initiatives/Activities 2009/2011	Outcomes/Improvements	Comments
Administrative	PICU nursing standards	2 yearly review	Updated June 2005, Review by June 2009 (EM, NG)
	Senior Nursing Team - Vision and values	2 yearly review	Reviewed June 2005 / Jan 2007 Review by June 2009 (NLG Team)
	PICU Website development	Commenced April 05. Phase 1 Intranet Access and to link with Starship website completed. Phase 2	Content review by June 2009
	Risk Monitor Pro database	Written report discussed at monthly PICU QA meeting, NLG group and put on noticeboard for staff. 3 monthly written trend report discussed at PICU QA meeting, NLG group and put on noticeboard for staff. Annual trend report distributed to all PICU staff.	Ongoing
Clinical	Weekly multi-disciplinary team meeting	Improves team communication for long term patients. Facilitation of discharge planning for long term patients	Ongoing. Review by June 2009 (YvD, WS, NG)
	Monthly multi-disciplinary quality meeting	Review of Risk Monitor Pro report. Review of clinical indicators. Review of audit results Implement and monitor the PICU Quality plan	Ongoing
	Nursing Practice Committee	Meet quarterly RBP review and development. Contribute to Starship and ADHB RBP's. Facilitate generic nursing care audits and specific audits depending on issues raised via quality meetings or risk monitor pro. Promote nursing research/ practice development projects arising from issues identified by quality groups or Risk Monitor Pro. Annual parent feedback survey	Ongoing SH to chair while NM on maternity leave. Annual RBP calendar developed Annual Audit calendar developed

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Clinical (continued)	Monthly senior team meeting	Discussion of operational issues. Development/review of medical protocols.	Ongoing Finalise remaining protocols by December 2009
	6 weekly mortality and morbidity meeting	Case review of all PICU patient deaths.	
	Participation in PCCS Quality meeting	Contibution to PCCS Quality group.	Ongoing
	Participation in Starship Clinical Effectiveness, Nursing (SCEN), formerly Starship Nursing Quality Group (SNQG)	Nurse Consultant chairs the SCEN. All nursing RBPs approved via SCEN Standardised audit reports are collated via SCEN	Ongoing
	Participation in Nursing Practice and Quality Council (NPAQC)	Nurse consultant member of NPAQC	Ongoing
	PICU Outreach	PICU nurse on Code Pink and Paediatric Code Blue calls. PICU outreach for selected patient discharges. Representative on National working party (WS)	Ongoing Annual report via Paediatric Resuscitation Committee. 3 monthly outreach report to QA meeting.
	Bereavement team	Follow-up by nursing staff of all families whose child dies in PICU. Co-ordinator (AD) attends PICU Mortality and Morbidity meeting.	Ongoing. 6 monthly report to senior nursing team. Examination of cultural practices at end of life commenced Feb 2006.
	Retrieval service	2 monthly transport meeting Review of difficult cases Parent and referrel centre satisfaction survey Regular orientation programme Annual update All staff to have attended PICU transport course or NZNFA course and PICU modified APLS or APLS course	Review of annual update day by December 2009 (KC, NG)
	Post Grad nursing education course	2 yearly review of PICU course	Ongoing

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Clinical (Continued)	Documentation	Review of PICU A to D planner to potentially streamline closer to new Starship A to D planner by September 2009 2 yearly review of Flowchart	Documentation example to be used to highlight concerns regarding documentation.
	Medication safety	Annual medication safety campaign in Women's and Children's Health.	Need to identify PICU resource person (EJ)
	Implementation of Aseptic Non Touch Technique (ANTT)	ANTT to be rolled out within PICU by July 09 (EM, NP SH, L, CR and KO)	
	Pressure areas	Project to commence on improving positioning of neonates (JC, WS)	
	Infection Control	EC and KO	Ongoing
	Health and Safety	Monthly fire audit. 6 monthly hazard audit (RV, U and EJ)	Ongoing
	Enteral Feeding	Develop an enteral feeding flowchart for PICU (KMCC)	
	Resuscitation	Review of PICU resuscitation education (CR, EM, NP YvD)	
	Peritoneal Dialysis	Continual search for best system for post cardiac surgey peritoneal dialysis (MS)	
	Cardiac surgey parent preparation	Preparation and teaching for parents of children who require cardiac surgey who are admitted directly to PICU (SH)	
	Sedation/analgesia project	Develop education to support implementation of sedation/analgesia protocol and evaluate implementation and sedation/analgesia protocol adherence (LS)	