



## **WFPICCS Newsletter**

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### **HOT NEWS**

#### **Pediatric Critical Care Medicine**

I am extremely pleased to announce that the first (2008) impact factor (IF) for *PCCM* is a remarkable 2.330 with an immediacy index of 0.898! This number is a little better than we expected and certainly strong for the first IF of a pediatric journal. To put the number in perspective, we have an IF that is approaching that of the mainstream pediatric journal *Pediatric Research* (2.604), and have done better than most of the pediatric specialty journals relevant to our field. In addition, we had the 6th highest immediacy index out of the 85 pediatric journals.

Finally, we also did pretty well relative to other critical care journals, where we are ranked 10th. Our IF was just below two other very established journals, namely, the *Journal of Trauma* (2.342) and *Resuscitation* (2.513), and higher than others of a similar vintage such as *Neurocritical Care* (1.703).

Thanks to everyone for putting forth a huge effort to make our journal a smashing success. I believe that through WFPICCS, *PCCM* truly is a journal of the entire international pediatric critical care community and that this has been instrumental to its impressive strength. IF is certainly not the only barometer for the success of our journal, but it is important. It is also important that we not rest on our laurels given that we are already half way through 2009, so please keep sending your best pediatric papers to *PCCM* and of course, keep citing the journal.

Yours sincerely,

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**Editor Pediatric Critical Care Medicine**

#### **6<sup>TH</sup> WORLD CONGRESS ON PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE -SYDNEY, 2011**

The Congress will take place in Sydney 2011, 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of March.

There will be pre-congress meetings on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Please visit [www.pcc2011.com](http://www.pcc2011.com)





## NEWS FROM LATIN AMERICA

### The epidemic outbreak Influenza H1N1 in Argentina

Argentina is one of the South American countries where the influenza H1N1 outbreak was more pronounced. The H1N1 outbreak started in the Argentinean winter season affecting children in the same period of the Respiratory Sincitial Virus (RSV) annual epidemic. These two coincident virus outbreaks affected intensely small children and those with underlying diseases such as previous encephalopathy, cardiovascular and oncologic / hematologic diseases.

Between June 1<sup>st</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup> (45 days), were admitted 32 children with Influenza A (95% H1N1) to 8 referral PICU in Buenos Aires, with a mortality rate of 15%. Most of children (84%) had a previous disease. The vast majority (31/32) was submitted to the mechanical ventilation. Several children were admitted to the PICU

with a typical lower airway obstructive disease (Bronchiolitis) and rapidly progressed to bilateral pneumonia and/or Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome. The paO<sub>2</sub>/FIO<sub>2</sub> ratio at the beginning of invasive ventilation ranged from 108 to 240. Non Invasive Mechanical Ventilation was provided to a small group of patients without any positive response as well as the High Frequency Oscillation was offered to 15% of children without any benefit. The average days on mechanical ventilation in this group were 9 days.

The above data belong to a collaborative study involving 15 Argentinean PICU designed to report their experience with this severe influenza H1N1 outbreak. These information were obtained with Doctors Jorge Sasbon, Julio Farias and Eduardo Schintzler,

The south of Brazil (border with Argentina) is being affected by the same epidemic H1N1 starting in the middle of July.

The WFPICCS nurses group recommends to the readers the article: **Interventions and Oropharyngeal Colonization in Children**

**Receiving Mechanical Ventilation.** Pedreira ML et al. Am J Crit Care. 2009;18(4):319-328.

## NEWS FROM EUROPE

### 10<sup>TH</sup> WORLD CONGRESS OF WFSICCM & WFPICCS MEETING FLORENCE, ITALY, 2009

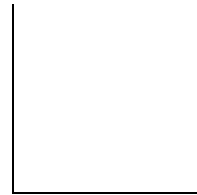
This multi-disciplinary congress is organized together with many federations and societies. **WFPICCS** is involved and designed a Pediatric Critical Care Track line throughout the congress days with speakers (nurses and physicians) from around the world. Respected nurses from **WFPICCS** also organized together with WFCCN a nursing program with pediatric and adult intensive care nursing topics. Dates are August 28 – September 1, 2009 Please visit [www.wfsiccm-florence2009.it](http://www.wfsiccm-florence2009.it)

**During this congress the WFPICCS Board of Directors will have their annual meeting.**



# ***World Federation of Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care Societies***

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## **Verona June 2009**

The beautiful Italian city of Verona hosted the 20<sup>th</sup> medical and nursing congress for the European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC).

Over 900 delegates met to discuss the art and science of caring for the critically ill child and neonate. 167 nurses collaborated to explore the pertinent issues for us. The international flavour of the conference, facilitated nurses and doctors to gain and share knowledge and skills, mirroring the ethos of our society; Caring without Borders.

The hot nursing topics discussed included; advanced nursing practice roles, new innovations, transportation and care of the cardiac surgical patient.

ESPNIC congresses always aim to reflect the issues that are current and important to the PICU and NICU nurse. We also strive to set the agenda for future developments in practice. An example of this is the interactive session Jos Latour and I facilitated exploring the views and understanding of nurses and doctors on the visitation rights of families in the ICU. This work will then feed into the discussions and debates that have occurred in the 2008 EfCCNA conference and with the working group of experts throughout Europe, ending in the production of a Position Statement.

ESPNIC Nurses also presented Life Time Achievement Awards to;

- Jos Latour
- Franco Carnevale
- Wil de Groot-Bolluijt.

## **Word of thanks by Edwin van de Voort**

Dear colleagues,  
My Farewell Symposium, held on June 12th, has been an unforgettable event for my family and myself. It was a very interesting international program with excellent representation from

These individuals were honoured for their tireless contribution to NICU & PICU nursing throughout Europe.

Awards for best Paediatric and Neonatal posters and oral presentations were also awarded to attendees on the areas of organ donation, ultra sound guided insertion of invasive devices, automated monitoring systems and management and outcomes of babies born by Caesarean Section in UK & Romania. For more information on these awards please visit our website [www.espnic.org](http://www.espnic.org)

Copenhagen will host the next European Academy of Paediatric Societies (EAPS) Congress in October 2010. This umbrella congress of societies will include innovative and inspiration track lines from ESPNIC Nursing. We are also facilitating a track line from the society Paediatric Nursing Associations of Europe (PNAE).

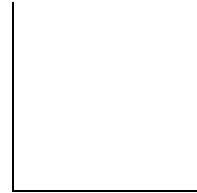
We were delighted to announce that Hannover will host the 2011 ESPNIC Congress. We look forward to meeting you at Copenhagen and Hannover.

If you would like more information about our society including our fellowship and travel awards please visit our website [www.espnic.org](http://www.espnic.org) or do not hesitate to contact me on [fiona.lynch@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:fiona.lynch@gstt.nhs.uk)

Best wishes

Fiona Lynch  
ESPNIC Nursing President

WFPICCS. I really appreciated it. In the years to come I will remain active as a member of the EC of WFPICCS. Also I will be teaching in developing countries to contribute to the care and wellbeing of critical ill children. Looking forward meeting you soon. Best personal regards, Edwin van de Voort



## NEWS FROM ASIA

### Invitation to APICC 2009

Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to announce the first Asian Congress Pediatric Intensive Care (APICC2009) & XI National Conference of Pediatric Critical Care Chapter of Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) from **September 25-27, 2009 at Chandigarh** (<http://www.apic2009.org>).

WFPICCS has endorsed this conference. Chandigarh is number one city in the country and one of the most hospitable ones. Recently it has been included among top 15 cities of Asia and titled as "the thinking city of Asia".

The venue of this conference is the Auditorium of Postgraduate institute of Medical education

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and Research ([www.pgimer.nic.in](http://www.pgimer.nic.in)). The conference center is one of the best medical education centers in India, which has hosted numerous National & International Conferences. The theme of the conference is "Pediatric Intensive Care within limited resources-Taking it to Masses". A galaxy of International and Asian experts will be there to share their knowledge and wisdom with the participants.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I extend a very warm invitation to you to come and experience the charms of this wonderful city and give us an opportunity to make your stay a pleasant and memorable experience. Looking forward to welcome you.

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