

IVNNZ Inc. IV Nurse Specialist/Educator Forum Report held on

19 November 2010, presented by Kate Laidlow, IVNNZ Inc. Educator

Seventeen Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) gathered at Wellington airport conference center on November the 19th. This was for the second IV-CNS and Educator forum IVNNZ Inc has hosted this year. What a fantastic day we had.

The intension of the group was to further edit and scrutinize the draft Standards for Intravenous Therapy - guidelines for New Zealand (NZ). The standards document is an adaptation of the Royal College of Nurses (RCN) Standards (2010, 3rd Edition) which in turn is an adaptation of the Infusion Nurses Societies (INS) Standards of Practice (2006). Some preliminary work had been done by the IVNNZ executive members, however when doing this the executive acknowledged a wider group for editorial work was necessary. This needed to be done before presenting it to the Directors of Nursing and Midwifery (DoNM's) of NZ.

The group did just that..... and we certainly achieved a lot. The nine sections, associated references and glossary of the draft standards were divided between five groups of three people. Within those groups was a wide representation of NZ specialist nurses who all have a passion for excellence in the delivery IV therapy. Included were nurses from Northland to Southland DHBs, private sector, district nursing and pediatric care.

We discussed, debated, pulled apart and concurred about the content, language, consistency of terms and the legislation that affects the context of the NZ setting. Infection control standards, Health Practitioners Competency Assurance Act (HPCA - Act), Center for disease control (CDC) NZ blood service and Medsafe were some of the governing documents the group ensured were included and referenced. We made reference to NZ legislation and talked about considerations surrounding groups such as neonates, children and the elderly.

The afternoon sessions were dedicated to speakers, however alterations were made as everybody want to continue the work on the standards. That was hugely encouraging as the facilitator and it was very exciting to be working in such a big group of collective wisdom. Group work was brought back to the larger table in the afternoon and further discussed. Consensus was reached about many aspects of the document. Lynette Lennox (secretary for IVNNZ) minuted all the proposed changes the larger editorial group agreed on and this is now further work for IVNNZ executive members to do in early 2011. Individual members of the forum offered to look at the larger document for facets such as infection control, terminology consistency and pediatric considerations. Thank you to Ray Pickles from Gisborne, Debbie Coates from Bay of Plenty and Nigel McRae from Whangarei for this offer. The energy, brain power and thinking happening that day was exhausting on reflection.

It is hoped that we will present the 2nd edition of the draft to IVNNZ members via the website before the 2011 forum in May. Then hopefully it will be ready for presentation for the DoNMs of NZ for use.

Pip Cotterell from Frontier Medical presented us with an enlightening lecture after lunch. She spoke about the introduction of the ESI IO into the New Zealand healthcare setting. She demonstrated the new approach with the use of the humeral head and well as tibial plateau and the uptake of the intraosseous drill in the different emergency settings. It is fascinating to know that such technology can be so simple, cost effective and life preserving for all age groups. IVNNZ Inc wishes Pip and Frontier Medical well in the continued introduction of this wonderful little intraosseous drill.

IVNNZ would like to thank all of the DHBs for the financial support offered to fly individuals to Wellington. The benefits of this group coming together are enormous. We would also like to thank CareFusion for sponsoring the venue for the day. Without either of these our day would not have been possible.

Please do go onto the IVNNZ website homepage if you would like to look at the draft standards. The current copy is July 2009 and has not had any of the editorial changes from this meeting added yet. IVNNZ Inc welcomes any comments offered. Please direct all comments to Catharine O'Hara, President, via the website.

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