

CENTRAL REGION CARDIAC NETWORK NEWSLETTER NO 5 DECEMBER 2009

Dear Colleagues

Merry Christmas from the Cardiac Network

Welcome to the 5th edition of the Central Region Cardiac Network newsletter. We wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Cardiac Network Progress

The Cardiac Network is progressing well through its work programme for 2009/2010. The cardiac working groups are keen to work with individual DHB's to identify the best ways to progress and implement recommendations contained within their reports and to gain regional consistency.

Cardiac Scholarships - *Call for applications*

We have been successful in securing funding for the cardiac scholarships for 2010 and are currently seeking applications. Scholarships are available for technicians, nurses and allied health professionals working within a cardiology field within the Central Region of New Zealand.

Application forms and full details can be found on www.centrtas.co.nz and completed forms can be forwarded to Sarah Greenfield, PO Box 23075, Wellington. Applications close 26 February 2010. In 2009 our two successful recipients, Steve White and Angela Morgan each attended an international course or conference. Their reports back to the region can also be found on the TAS website.

Integrated Model of Care - Heart Failure

The cardiac rehabilitation and heart failure working group completed an Integrated Model of Care – Heart Failure paper this year which was endorsed by the Regional Clinical Services Programme Steering Group. An implementation plan for the model was developed. The Integrated Model of Care – Heart Failure paper can be found on the TAS website.

The Renal Network had been undertaking similar work and therefore a combined implementation

plan for Heart failure and Chronic Kidney Disease was completed in late November.

Early in the New Year workshops will be held at all DHB's to identify what is already happening within DHB's, what gaps there are and how we progress the implementation. As you are all aware DHB's need to demonstrate value for money and a pathway to financial viability, as such networks are being challenged to look what can be disinvested or reprioritised in order to reinvest in service development and some options for reprioritisation of funding have been included in the implementation plan.

Regional Cardiac Physiology

It has been a great year for the physiology trainees within the region. We would like to congratulate and share the successes of the following students and graduates:

Capital and Coast DHB

Jannine Pepper: CCP
Kanak Kishore: CCP
Lauren Bishop: CCP and Yr2 Mtex
Nadine Tierney: QUT
Ricky Dijohari: Yr 1 Mtex
Rosalia Cadacia: CCP
Susan Brady: QUT

MidCentral DHB

Fleur Blackenberry-Thwaites: Yr 1 Mtex
Mark Wheddon: IBHRE

Wakefield Hospital

Samantha Bowman: CCP

Nelson/Marlborough DHB

Theresa Magrane: DMU
Tracy Lawson: CCP



Message from Glynis Rossouw: The Regional Cardiac Physiology Trainer

It has been the most incredible year to date. Not only have we had such an academically successful year, the greatest growth has been in the students themselves. There were some intense nail-biting times. My sincere congratulations, to all of you.

The major focus in 2009 has been on the CCP and MTEX exams. The year ahead will provide the opportunity to focus more on the QUT students. To the team leaders, thank you for providing the opportunity to train and making these students available. To the 2010 students, buckle up we are in for an incredible ride!!!

Investigation of Ethnic Disparities in the use of Cardiac Revascularisation

We have finally received the data we require from the Ministry of Health and will be progressing to analyse the information with Eru Pomare in early 2010.

Cardiac Forum

Another very successful cardiac forum was held late November at Te Papa with 130 cardiac health professionals from across the region attending the day. It was heartening to see the regional thinking and consensus. The day was able to be provided at no cost to individuals due generous donations from TAS, Sanofi Aventis and Boehringer Ingelheim. Our thanks go to these organisations.

National Cardiac Surgery Clinical Network

The aim of this network is to lead and oversee a reform of New Zealand's Cardiac Surgical system and improve the delivery of cardiac surgery in New Zealand. The network amongst other matters is required to:

- Increase the present intervention rate to 65:100,000
- Develop a nationally consistent prioritisation system
- Develop sustainable solutions to the present constraints around workforce, prioritization and capacity.

Six working groups have been established. Each working group has as its aim the following:

Patient pathways

To map the patient journey for cardiac surgery and to redesign in order that the quality of service to patients regardless of acuity status.

Monitoring, audit and quality

To review and establish patient focused throughput performance indicators upon which to establish a consistent monitoring and reporting

system.

Capacity: ICU, Theatre and Anaesthesia

To identify resource constraints and prioritising issues for access to theatres and immediate post operative care for cardiac surgery patients.

Workforce

To clarify with the Medical Council the role and requirements for overseas trainees to assist as cardiac surgical registrars, and to develop a sustainable cardiothoracic nursing workforce.

Prioritisation

To establish a consistent prioritisation system that is used in each of the 5 provider units.

Funding and Contracting

To establish a funding and contracting framework to support the proposed increase in intervention rates.

Tech-Led / Nurse Led Clinic Workshop

A workshop is proposed for May 2010 focusing on shared learning of innovative clinics, the practicalities of how these were set up, funding mechanisms and professional guidelines to operate such a clinic.

We look forward to working with all in 2010 and the challenges it will undoubtedly bring the network and DHB's. We wish you a happy and safe time during the festive season and the New Year ahead.

Best wishes

Mark and Beth

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