Emergency Medicine Journal
including pre-hospital care

Volume 21 Number 5 September 2004

Editorials
526 Restructuring our workforce J P Wyatt
526 Defining the specialty M J Clancy

Review
528 Patient satisfaction in emergency medicine C Taylor, J R Benger

Original articles
533 Development of the specialty of emergency medicine in Israel: comparison with the UK and US models P Halpern, Y Waisman, J P Steiner
537 Making an IMPACT on emergency department flow: improving patient processing assisted by triage J Terris, P Leman, N O’Connor, R Wood
542 Team triage improves emergency department efficiency F Subash, F Dunn, B McNicholl, J Marlow
545 Can a senior house officer’s time be used more effectively? J Mitchell, C Hayhurst, S M Robinson
548 An investigation into the short term and medium term health impacts of personal incapacitating sprays. A follow up at patients reported to the National Poisons Information Service (London) E Euripidou, R MacLehose, A Fletcher
553 Effects of gastric acid on euro coins: chemical reaction and radiographic appearance after ingestion by infants and children S Puig, M Scharitzer, K Cengiz, E Jetzinger, L Rupprecht
557 End tidal carbon dioxide as a predictor of the arterial PCO2 in the emergency department setting C Yosef, E Hay, Y Nasti, E Magen, I Reisin
560 Non-touch suturing technique fails to reduce glove puncture rates in an accident and emergency department T K McAdam, R E McLaughlin, B McNicholl
562 Detection of non-accidental injuries presenting at emergency departments A McKinney, G Lane, F Hickey
565 Cardiopulmonary resuscitation on Flemish television: challenges to the television effects hypothesis J Van den Bulck, K Damaison
568 Are health professionals getting caught in the crossfire? The personal implications of caring for trauma victims J M Crabbe, D M G Bowley, K D Boffard, D A Alexander, S Klein

Short reports
573 Quality and effectiveness of an emergency department during weekends O Miró, M Sánchez, G Espinosa, J Millà
575 Total time in English accident and emergency departments is related to bed occupancy M W Cooke, S Wilson, J Halsall, A Roalf
577 Are we training junior doctors to respond to major incidents? A survey of doctors in the Wessex region S N Madge, J P Kersey, G Murray, J R Murray
580 Prospective evaluation of non-radiologist performed emergency abdominal ultrasound for haemoperitoneum A Brooks, B Davies, M Smithurst, J Connolly
582 Securing central venous catheters: a comparison of sutures with staples A Vinjirayer, P Jefferson, D R Ball

Socrates
584 SOCRATES 1 (synopsis of Cochrane reviews applicable to emergency services) P Gilligan, A Khan, M Shepherd, G Lumsden, G Kitching, A Taylor, L Howard, J Brenchley, J Jones, D Hegarty
Best evidence topic reports
586 Towards evidence based emergency medicine: best BETs from the Manchester Royal Infirmary
Edited by K Mackway-Jones
586 Nebulised magnesium in asthma J Costello, M Howes
587 Role of flexion/extension radiography in neck injuries in adults E Pitt, S Thakore
589 Peripheral pulses to exclude thoracic aortic dissection S Teece, K Hogg
589 Wound closure in animal bites F Garbutt, R Jenner
589 Nebulised magnesium in asthma J Costello, M Howes
589 Role of flexion/extension radiography in neck injuries in adults E Pitt, S Thakore
589 Peripheral pulses to exclude thoracic aortic dissection S Teece, K Hogg
589 Wound closure in animal bites F Garbutt, R Jenner
590 Therapeutic hypothermia after out of hospital cardiac arrest B A Föxe, J Butler
591 Gastric lavage in aspirin and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug overdose S Teece, I Crawford

JournalScan
593 JournalScan Edited by J Wyatt, D Pedley

Prehospital care
595 The ABC of community emergency care.
6 Assessment and management of paediatric primary survey negative patients F Jewkes, M Woollard
606 The ABC of community emergency care.
7 Abdominal pain, abdominal pain in women, complications of pregnancy and labour J Gray, J Wardrope, D J Fothergill
614 The emerging role of the emergency care practitioner S Cooper, B Barrett, S Black, C Evans, C Reel, S Williams, B Wright
619 Surviving out of hospital cardiac arrest at home: a postcode lottery? R M Lyon, S M Cobbe, J M Bradley, N R Grubb
625 Potential impact of interventions to reduce times to thrombolysis S Goodacre, A-M Kelly, D Kerr

Case reports
630 Childhood asthma predisposes to spontaneous pneumomediastinum A U Momin, D A Chung, L C H John
631 Face value? R Bethune, E Hern, A Qayyum, R Pratap, R Brown
632 Propofol combined with lorazepam for severe poly substance misuse and withdrawal states in intensive care unit: a case series and review K Subramaniam, R M Gowda, K Jani, W Zewedie, R Ute
634 Air gun injury M J Shepherd
635 Occult knee dislocation: the importance of secondary survey A J Laing, C Tansey, A J Hussey, M O’Sullivan, K Kaar
636 Hypoventilation and hypoxia in reversal of cardiogenic shock in an infant with congenital heart disease A Sacchetti, G Wernovsky, C Paston, M Fernandes
638 Variable radio-opacity of a metallic foreign body M D Weller, C A Ayshford
639 Occult congenital anomaly of the atlas presenting in the setting of acute trauma A W O’Sullivan, F Mc Manus
640 Hypovolaemic shock by rat bites. A paradigmatic case of social deprivation A Donoso, J León, G Rojas, M Ramirez, B Oberpaur
642 Clinical use of the Empoy index in the emergency department J E France, M J C Thomas
644 Gastropericardial fistula: a case report and review of literature T M Grandhi, D Rawlings, C G Marron

Letters
646 Are accident and emergency senior house officers getting slower? P Gilligan, R N Illingworth, S Crane, D Hegarty
646 Comprehensive drug screening H A Greller, F Barreto Jr
646 What is ‘relative analgesia?’ M C Howes; G J Browne, A Frampton, L T Lam, M G Cooper, L G Lane
647 Climbie Inquiry sets new standards J L Louis, S J Bridges
647 Steering wheel spin? M D Simmons; Y Ngam, J Cutter
648 Children and mini-magnets: comments and suggestions L Finegold
648 Radiology in paediatric cervical spine injury B W Martin
648 Emergency department investigation of deep vein thrombosis A Wakai
648 Fractured clavicle and vascular complications A K J Mandal, J Jordaan, C G Missouris
649 Atypical antipsychotics not recommended for control of agitation in the emergency department K R Whelan, P I Dargan, A L Jones, N O’Connor
649 Nothing ever changes… E Walker

Book reviews
649 The 5 minute toxicology consult for PDA S Bush
650 Disaster medicine J M Ryan
650 ACLS for EMT-Basics M Woollard

Electronic pages
e5 Prospective evaluation of non-radiologist performed emergency abdominal ultrasound for haemoperitoneum A Brooks, B Davies, M Smethurst, J Connolly
e6 AMBEX abstracts 2003