e-letter

February 2009

The ELSO electronic newsletter and is being sent out to all program directors, associate directors and ECMO coordinators. Please feel free to share the information with your teams.

Announcements

Web based data entry
Dr. Conrad, the Registry Chairman, is in the final stages of developing our web based data entry system which is currently being beta tested right now. Once the system is finalized we will not be able to accept registry forms either mailed in or in electronic format. Centers will be required to use the web based data entry system. ELSO will send out notices giving you time to submit any forms that have not been sent in. Advantages of web based data entry will be that equipment fields will always be up to date, date fields can be displayed in your international standard and that centers will be able to get patient lists, reports, simple queries any time they wish! We are expecting this to happen early 2009. You
will then be contacted on how to receive your user names and passwords.

**INO Registry**
The pilot period of the INO registry will be ending at the end of 2008. What this means is that it will now be open to all of our centers and the majority of bumps have been worked out. We have some excellent feedback and will be making some minor changes to the data we collect. ELSO would like to encourage your center to participate in this important endeavor. Please contact Peter Rycus, MPH (prycus@umich.edu) on how to begin. The INO registry is web based and fun to use (just ask anyone!).
At the request of several centers, the steering committee has decided to include links to center surveys in ELSO’s periodic e-letter. Each time we will describe the purpose of the study, who is asked to participate, and who is collecting the data. All surveys will be linked to “survey-monkey” which will collect the data. If you have a survey you would like to submit, please send the information to ELSO via Peter Rycus, MPH (prycus@umich.edu). At this time we have no surveys to present.

If you haven’t already completed the survey from our friends at Columbia and Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital just click on the survey link below to participate!! The survey is regarding QA/QI practices at your ECMO centers, and they request that BOTH the medical director AND the coordinator respond.

 ****ELSO ANNUAL MEETING****

Don’t forget to mark your calendar for the 20th Anniversary ELSO conference in Ann Arbor Michigan, September 14-16, 2009. A separate pre-conference workshop will be held on September 13th, 2009.

http://www.elso.med.umich.edu/meetings.htm

19th Annual SEECMO Conference

May 1-3, 2009
Seattle Washington
Contact: Kathie Kohorn, CME Coordinator
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The 25th Annual CNMC ECMO Symposium!

February 22-26, 2009, Keystone, Colorado

www.ecmomeeting.com
Please submit any questions you would like to see answered in future newsletters!
If you or your institution have specific needs for coordinators, specialists, directors, etc. ELSO “e-letter” will post them here as well as on our web site!!

OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Pediatrics at Yale University is seeking a neonatologist/clinician-educator at the Assistant or Associate Professor level. The position involves attending in the regional neonatal center at Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital, serving on and potentially leading the ECMO team, and actively participating in resident and fellow education. ECMO training, experience and ability to initiate medical management of ECMO patients is essential. Applicants should be Board Certified, or in the case of recent training program graduates, Board Eligible, in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine. They must also be eligible for immediate licensure in Connecticut. Interested individuals should contact Ian Gross MD, Yale University, Department of Pediatrics, PO Box 208064, New Haven, CT 06520 (email: ian.gross@yale.edu). Deadline is March 19, 2009. Yale University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications from women and minority group members are encouraged.
****ECMO TRAINING COURSES****

Training courses are also listed on ELSO’s web page and if you would like yours listed just let us know!

Currently listed course:

July 24th - 25th, 2009
Alfred Hospital
Grand Hyatt - Melbourne, Australia
2nd International Symposium on Extracorporeal Support in Critical Care
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