



e-Letter May 2008

**This is the second edition of 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.



SURVEYS



At the request of several centers, the steering committee has decided to include links to center surveys in the monthly 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).

This month’s survey comes to us our friends at Columbia and Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital and was outlined at the Keystone meeting with a brief presentation. The survey is regarding QA/QI practices at your ECMO centers, and they request that BOTH the medical director AND the

coordinator respond. Just click on the survey link below to participate!!

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SS1YGTdGCWT7817RPpPiew_3d_3d

(If you didn't get a chance to complete the survey from the last e-letter, from Dr. Rachel Chapman and her colleagues at Yale on "Patient Selection for Neonatal ECMO", the link is below for one more chance. It is requested that ONE representative from each ECMO center complete the survey, preferably someone who has a role in selection of neonatal patients for ECMO - responses are anonymous).

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=S_2fCQyuM60KHT7NOMvYIpAw_3d_3d

Please help our colleagues out by completing the surveys!



TRAINING

****** ECMO TRAINING COURSE ******

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

Nationwide Children's Hospital announces an ECMO training course July 21-25, 2008 in Columbus Ohio. Details including schedule, registration, hotel, etc. can be obtained at either of the two links below, or by contacting Thomas Preston at thomas.preston@nationwidechildrens.org

<http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/gd/templates/pages/medpros/medpros.aspx?page=8300>

<http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/gd/applications/controller.cfm?page=54&cid=485&type=2&CatID=4>



MEETINGS

****** ELSO ANNUAL MEETING******

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the 19th Annual ELSO conference, in conjunction with AmSECT in San Diego CA, Sept 22-24, 2008.

<http://www.else.med.umich.edu/>



REGISTRY QUESTIONS

Please submit any questions you would like to see answered in future newsletters!



OPPORTUNITIES

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!!