

NPRANG NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2021. We hope you are all keeping safe and well in these unusual times. We wanted to update you on some of the things the NPRANG group have been up to and give you details of new resources and ways you can become involved in improving the standards of care and service delivery for children and young people with respiratory disease and allergy across primary, secondary and tertiary care settings.

2021 CONFERENCE

With ongoing restrictions likely for the rest of this year, the NPRANG committee has made the difficult decision to postpone our 2021 face to face conference until next year. Watch this space for details of next year's conference which promises to be even bigger and better as we hope to incorporate our 25th anniversary celebrations!

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COVID HEROES

This is your chance to nominate a colleague who has gone above and beyond during the pandemic. Our first worthy winner of the NPRANG COVID hero went to Emma Bushell. Emma has been pulled from her normal role as a Paediatric Respiratory Nurse Specialist – Asthma, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust onto an adult ITU ward directly caring for patients with COVID-19. We are all really proud of you Emma!

What have NPRANG members been up to?

Viv Marsh - *Alongside her research role with the University of Edinburgh and her clinical role in Dudley, Viv is working in a COVID vaccination hub carrying out clinical assessments and giving COVID vaccines.*

"This program is an enormous challenge but the NHS is well capable of meeting it. I have been struck by the sheer will of everyone involved to support this program and it is a real privilege to be a small part of it".

Hollie Smith has developed a nurse led clinic for bronchiectasis - ***"We have developed an in-house scoring system for their bronchiectasis which we use the score to place into a pathway to help identify the care they will receive in terms of MDT involvement. Additionally, myself and our Physio Naomi have produced a leaflet for bronchiectasis in children and escalation management plans to be given to each child with a diagnosis. We have started the first west midlands bronchiectasis meeting WMBM to try to develop a 'network' type approach to standardise our care***

across the region. We are also looking at validating the scoring system over the coming year to be able to publish the results and share it”.

Hollie Smith, Respiratory Nurse Specialist, Birmingham Women's and Children's Foundation Trust

Jo has been busy developing a new pathway - **“I have produced a pathway with our palliative care consultant for the consideration of NIV in children with complex medical needs. To help guide decision making. It is still in draft and being trialed but watch this space!”**

Joanna Bennett, Respiratory Specialist Nurse, Birmingham Women's and Children's Foundation Trust

ASTHMA IMAGE CAMPAIGN

This campaign was started by a group of Health Professionals frustrated by the frequent use of stock images depicting inhalers being used incorrectly. It aims to improve the quality of information for patients, health care professionals and the public about use of inhalers by promoting use of images representing inhalers being used accurately and appropriately. The campaign is backed by recognised bodies including NPRANG, NHSEI C&YP Transformation Programme, PCRS and Asthma UK/BLF in addition to individual healthcare professionals from all over the UK who want to see images of inhalers being used correctly in the media.

If you would like to support the campaign follow #RightInhalerImage on twitter or for more information email Viv Marsh viv.marsh@nhs.net

NEW PAEDIATRIC ASTHMA COURSE

NPRANG have endorsed the online Introduction to Paediatric Asthma course launched by Rotherham Respiratory last year. The committee scrutinised the course closely and were happy to offer endorsement as the course is up to date, evidence based and clinically relevant. This course is ideal for those new to asthma in children or for those wishing to build their confidence and skills in recognising and managing asthma as a long term condition.

In 2021 NPRANG will be partnering with Rotherham Respiratory to develop a more advanced and in depth Paediatric Asthma course so watch out for further news on that.

For more information go to www.rotherhamrespiratory.com

CYP TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

This project aims to improve the health and wellbeing of Children and Young People (CYP) with asthma. This will be achieved by improving the accuracy of diagnosis and taking a whole system approach to managing asthma. The CYP team will work with key stakeholders across the system, including young people and their families, to develop the National Bundle of Care for each of the following components:

- Prevention and reducing the risk of exacerbation
- Early and accurate diagnosis
- Effective preventative medication
- Management of exacerbations
- Severe asthma

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