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Welcome to all ACA members and thank you for your support. As you are probably all aware, we have not received external funding for the last 2 years and so we have had to subsidise all the services we have been providing.

We like to particularly thank Baxter for agreeing to be our corporate sponsor for the Newsletter, HITH Review and the HITH information exchange in 2005.

Over the last 6 months we have been busy organising the Victorian HITH Nurses Seminar in May and the ADMA conference in September, updating our website and databases and retrieving articles for the HITH Review and DM Review. During this time we unfortunately had to say farewell to a member of our staff Jenny Silvers who has taken a position with Mercy Hospital in Melbourne.

National Conference: As you are probably all aware we are having our National conference on September 15th and 16th this year at the Langton Hotel in Melbourne. Further details on speakers and registration will be posted on our website shortly.

Membership ACA: Please mention to any staff wishing to join the ACA distribution list for the Newsletter, HITH Review and the HITH information exchange to contact us or download the membership form through the website.

Membership ADMA: For those wishing to join the Australian Disease Management Association please contact Marion Osborn or Kaylene Fiddes.

We would like to encourage you all to contribute to the Newsletter either with information on new indications for HITH, any other changes that your program may have implemented or any problems you have experienced that other programs may be interested in.

Contact us if you would like further information.

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Victorian HITH Nurses Seminar

Eighty-four nurses from HITH programs across Victoria attended the Seminar on Thursday May 19th, 2005 in Melbourne. The expert speakers who included Dr Robert Stirling, Dr Alex Padiglione, Mr Geoff Sussman, Ms Marie Pane, Associate Professor Alison Street and Ms Sara Cook spoke on anaphylaxis and the management of infections, wounds, deep vein thrombosis and PICC lines.

Despite the distraction from the sound of the unscheduled evaluation alarm during one of the presentations and the power outage, the overall rating for the seminar from the participants was excellent. Although some participants suggested future events should be run over a full day, the majority consensus was a preference for a half-day program.

We would like to thank those of you who suggested topics for future seminars and would be happy to receive further suggestions. Suggestions for future seminars included: physical assessment and patient readmission; wound management products; use of VACC pumps; intravenous antibiotic delivery systems; current and future antibiotic therapies; MRSA; blood samples for inflammatory markers; cystic fibrosis; heart failure management; pain management; burns management; pre and post-operative anticoagulation; case presentations (e.g. endocarditis, osteomyelitis); occupational health and safety; patient education; role of nurse practitioners; potentially new indications for HITH; hand held pilot devices in HITH; and the future of HITH.

We would like to also thank Baxter, BD, 3M, Allied Medical, Abbott and AstraZeneca for their support.



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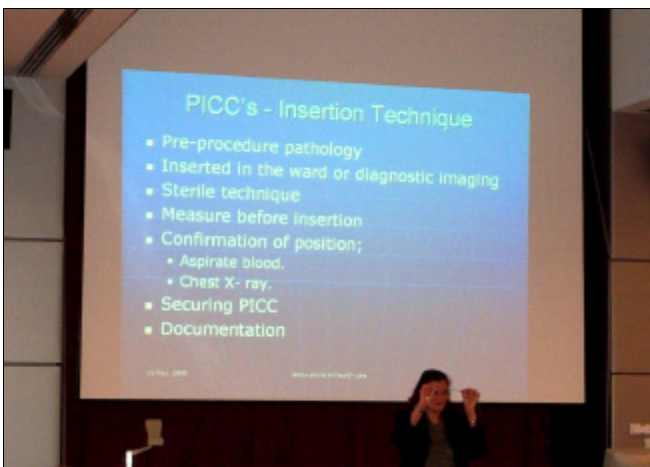
Dr Robert Stirling



Mr Geoff Sussman



A/Prof Alison Street



Ms Sarah Cook

DHS and ADMA National Conference 15th- 16th September 2005, Melbourne

As with previous conferences this year the main conference will run over two days. We are jointly running this conference with the Department of Human Services (DHS) Victoria.

We have international speakers as well as presentations from all over Australia and look forward to the opportunity to network with other healthcare professionals.

Conferences

Healthcare @ Home

ACCNS Conference 2005

4-5 August 2005

Sofitel Wentworth

Sydney

E: regal@regalhealth.com.au

T: 02-9264 4555

Pushing the Boundaries

2005 National Healthcare Reform Conference

1-2 September, 2005

Holiday Inn,

Adelaide, SA

E: admin@archi.net.au

9th Intravenous Nursing New Zealand Conference

28-30 September, 2005

Novatel Tainui Hotel

Hamilton

New Zealand

Email: wilsonca@waikatodhb.govt.nz or

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Website: www.waikatodhb.govt.nz

Claiming the Future of Healthcare

24th Annual Meeting National Association for Home Care and Hospice

23-26 October, 2005

Washington State Trade and Convention Centre

Seattle, Washington

Website: www.nahc.org/NAHC/Meetings/AM/05/

Improving Patient Outcomes Using Mobile, Tele and Wireless Technologies

2-3 November, 2005

Melbourne, Vic

E: admin@archi.net.au

**Caring for the Patient Requiring Immunoglobulin
and Blood Component Replacement Therapies**

Intravenous Nurses Association

11 November, 2005

The OMNI CNN Centre,
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Website: www.ins1.org/

**Healthcare without Walls: Delivering the Best Care
in the Best Place**

1-2 December 2005

Holiday Inn,
Adelaide, SA

T: Change Champions on 02 49240 900

E-mail: change.champions@bigpond.com

Websites

**Outpatient Parenteral Anti-microbial Therapy
Resource**

www.opat.com

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

<http://www.ashp.org/>

American Academy of Home Care Physicians

<http://www.aahcp.org/>

**American College of Physicians-American Society
of Internal Medicine**

<http://www.acponline.org/>

National Association for Vascular Access

<http://64.87.38.32/cgi-navannet/pages/NVPCat.cgi>

Infusion Nurses Society

<http://www.ins1.org/>

Home Care Training Institute

[http://www1.va.gov/visns/visn02/emp/homecare/hctiho
me.html](http://www1.va.gov/visns/visn02/emp/homecare/hctiho
me.html)

National Association of Homecare

<http://www.nahc.org/>