

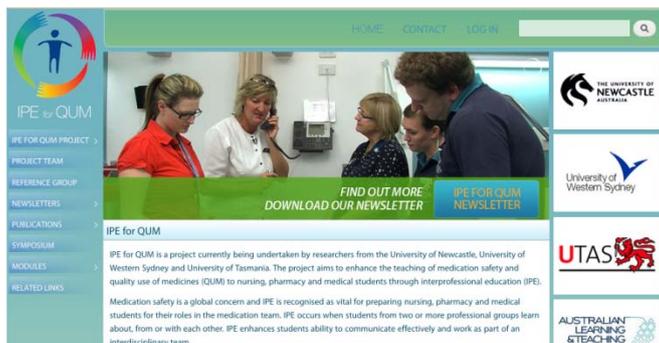
Welcome

Welcome to our second newsletter for the ALTC funded project "Interprofessional education (IPE): enhancing the teaching of medication safety to nursing, pharmacy and medical students". Here is a brief progress report of our activities since April 2011.

If you would like a copy of the first newsletter, please visit the project website or contact Beth Innes at: ipeforqum@newcastle.edu.au

Project website

We are very excited to launch our website where you will find learning resources, updates on project activities and information about the project. If you have any feedback or comments about the website, please contact Beth Innes.



View website at: <http://ipeforqum.com.au>

Farewell and welcome

Our project manager Annette Moxey, and team member Alice Burns both began their maternity leave last month. We wish Alice and Annette all the very best for their maternity leave and the arrival of their new family members. We also welcome our newest team members:

- Associate Professor Jenny Schneider, School of Biomedical Sciences & Pharmacy, University of Newcastle

- Beth Innes, Project Manager, School of Nursing & Midwifery, University of Newcastle



Jenny Schneider (L) and Beth Innes

Study Progress

Systematic Review

Samual Lapkin's systematic review titled: The effectiveness of interprofessional education in university-based health professional programs: A systematic review, has been completed and sent to the Joanna Briggs Institute for double blinded peer review. This process will take 4-6 weeks. You can find a copy of the systematic review protocol on the website.

Focus Group Study

The team at University of Tasmania have successfully run their first focus group with pharmacy graduates. Teams in Newcastle and Perth will run focus groups in the coming weeks with graduates from pharmacy, nursing, midwifery and medicine.

Cross-sectional Survey

Samuel Lapkin sent the Cross-sectional Survey to 43 universities across Australia and New Zealand. 24 universities have responded so far representing:

- 19 Nursing schools
- 7 Pharmacy Schools
- 4 Medicine School
- 2 Midwifery Schools

Development of Teaching and Learning Resources



The first module, Eileen Poole, can be viewed on the project website.

Reference Group Meeting

Our next Reference Group meeting will be held on Friday 28 October 2011.

Other Project Activities

Recent and Upcoming Presentations

Tracy presented a poster at the International Forum on Quality and Safety in Health Care, Amsterdam. A copy of the poster is available on the project website.

Interprofessional education: Enhancing the teaching of medication safety to nursing, pharmacy and medical students

Associate Professor Tracy Levett-Jones, Dr Helen Bellchambers, Dr Conor Gilligan
The University of Newcastle

It is in the formative years of undergraduate education that attitudes are forged and skills imparted which shape the quality of engagement with patients for years to come
– Bristol Report (2001)

I. The problem: Medication safety is a global concern with interprofessional education (IPE) recognised as vital for preparing nursing, pharmacy and medical students for their roles in the medication team. However, in Australia IPE is seldom used for teaching the communication skills inherent in medication safety, despite evidence indicating that inadequate communication between health care professionals is the primary issue in the majority of medication errors.



Greetings from Switzerland

Conor Gilligan is currently on study leave and working with a research group in Lausanne,

Switzerland. Conor returns at the end of July after a holiday in Italy and France.



Kerry Hoffman presented a paper at the 4th International Clinical Skills Conference in Tuscany in May titled Interprofessional education (IPE): Enhancing the teaching of medication safety to nursing, pharmacy and medical students. The presentation was well received and feedback indicated that the project was worthwhile

Follow our progress on the website as we add more learning resources and look out for the next newsletter in August.

Regards,

Tracy, Conor and the Team

Contact

Please contact us if you would like further information about the project, or wish to be placed on our mailing list to receive regular newsletters and updates.

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