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RAN-Vic
Renal Access Nurses ofVictoria unite
RSA Sydney 2008

HOW DID “RAN-Vic” EVOLVE?
- First VAC appointed in Vic in 2003
- Introduction of VAC’s in 4 other major hubs by 2006
- Group reached 7 in 2007
- VAC’s needed to network and ‘grow’ the new positions
- Benchmarking was needed
- First meeting in September 2006

WE NEEDED AN IDENTITY
- VRANSIG?
- DANSIG?
- VANSIG?
- RANSIG?
- And after much deliberation………‘RAN-Vic’

AS A GROUP……..
- Diverse Renal background
- Collective experience of over 100yrs!
- Represent 7 major hubs in Victoria
- Common focus: Access Surveillance, Reduction of permacaths, research, communication, education and organisation of the renal surgical list.
- Promotion of prolonging lifespan of renal access.

So……Who Are We?

Jayne Amy
• November 2003

Mechelle Seneviratne
• November 2005

Monica Schoch
• January 2006
What Do we Do?

- Liaison link between Vascular and Nephrology unit
- Pre dialysis patient education
- Improve access to renal service, hospital beds and elective surgery for dialysis access
- Improve Day vs DOSA for dialysis access surgery to reduce hospital Length of Stay (LOS)
- Staff education via annual Dialysis Access Workshop & inservice sessions

Our main aims……..

- Benchmarking – (excel spreadsheet)
- Presentations: RSA conference, Dialysis Access Workshops and inservices. Topics such as: assessment/cannulation/ultrasound etc
- Relationship/ Network building
- CARI guidelines: steering committee representative- review & compare guidelines
- RSAJ: Editorial Board representative – encourage publication of research
- Generally make ourselves indispensable!

WHY DO WE DO IT?

- IMPROVE PATIENT OUTCOMES
  - Decrease and discourage use of permacaths
  - Improve techniques in cannulation & CVC use to prolong lifespan of Access’
  - Share ideas to improve workload and conditions
  - Benchmark to improve service
  - Network together & be involved in the renal community (RSA & Amgen etc)

HOW DO WE DO IT?

- With support from the team at Amgen Australia (especially the team @ Vic)
- Meet Quarterly in Melbourne
- Structured meetings with Agenda’s etc
- Phone calls & teleconferencing
- Email!!
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