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RAN-Vic
Renal Access Nurses of
Victoria 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



Maree Ross-Smith

- May 2006

baysidehealth
Incorporating The Alfred, Caulfield General Medical Centre
and Sunninghill & District Memorial Hospital

Elizabeth Robinson

Emmet O'Flaherty 
St Vincent's
Continuing the Mission of
the Sisters of Charity

- December 2007

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

What Do we Do?

- Surveillance with Transonic Qc machine & Sonosite Micromaxx ultrasound machine
- Research/ Study Coordinators in Favoured fish oil trial commencing September 2007 & HoneyPot trial commencing May 2008.
- Goal: reduce number of permacaths, particularly in pre dialysis population ie managing denial / unwillingness to prepare for dialysis

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!!

HOW CAN YOU CONTACT RAN-Vic?

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