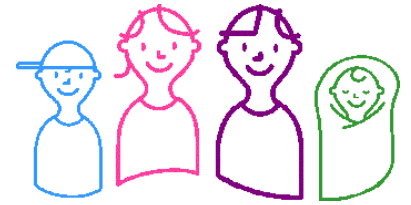


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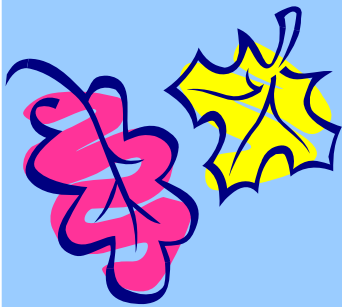


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www.mihsr.monash.org/hfk



Welcome to the April 2006 edition of Health for Kids Update!

It seems like a very long time ago – but it was only this time last year we sent out our first Health for Kids Update.

As you know we've been very busy since then. Here is an update on our work since the Christmas edition.

NEW Health for Kids website!

Sometimes it seems like the only thing that is constant is change – and just to confirm the message, Health for Kids has a new web address:

www.mihsr.monash.org/hfk

This new site will make it much easier for us to keep our website full of up-to-date information for you. Have a look and tell us how we can improve it.



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GP Advice Line meeting needs

As part of our plan to keep improving Health for Kids activities, we have begun collecting feedback from the GPs who use our GP Advice Line.

So far all the feedback has been very positive with GPs more than satisfied with the service provided and several potential Emergency Department presentations avoided.

Our thanks to the Paediatricians who provide this excellent service!

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Piloting of Croup and Gastroenteritis Clinical Paths will begin soon



Thanks to everyone who has provided such great feedback on the draft croup and gastroenteritis clinical paths. We really appreciate your input.

Revised versions of the paths will be piloted soon in emergency departments and paediatric wards to get more feedback before the final versions are implemented later this year.

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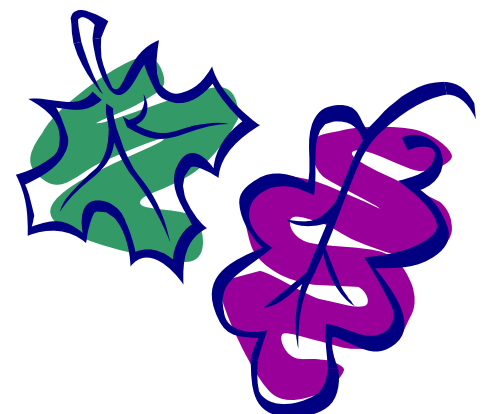
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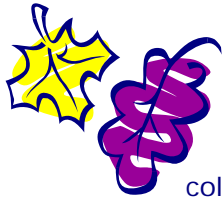
It's taken a lot of hard work, but the Bronchiolitis Guideline Development Group has almost finished work on the guideline, and will soon start drafting the clinical path.

The bronchiolitis guideline will be the fourth Health for Kids evidence-based guideline developed by staff from Southern Health emergency departments and paediatric wards, along with GPs and consumers.

What a great achievement!

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Victoria-wide Community Asthma Education planning underway

Building on the work of the four asthma projects that were developed as part of the Hospital Admission Risk Program (HARP), a collaborative has been formed to look at ways to roll-out Community Asthma Education across Victoria.

Claire and Craig have been meeting with representatives of the other projects from the beginning of Health for Kids. Every project has been very willing to share resources and ideas, develop strategies and look for ways to work together.

The success of the HARP Asthma projects (including HFK) has led DHS to implement community asthma education services across the state. The group is now working to develop a single model for community asthma education in Victoria – hopefully we'll have details of new developments in the next update!

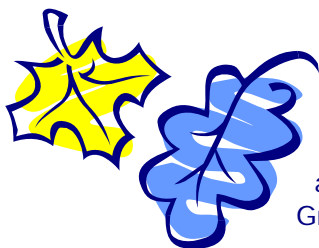
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Improving Health for Kids at Home

The Health for Kids Rapid Review Home Nursing Service is helping to get kids home from hospital earlier. Nursing services provided so far have included asthma education, wet dressings for eczema, subcutaneous injections, respiratory assessment and intravenous antibiotics. Family satisfaction surveys are helping us further improve the service.

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Windermere Grant success (again)!

Following our successful application for a Windermere Special Grant in 2005, the Health for Kids team has been awarded another Windermere Special Grant in 2006!

The grant will enable Fiona to evaluate the successfulness of the implementation of the croup, gastroenteritis and bronchiolitis clinical paths, providing more information about how to improve the paths and how best to implement them.

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Sad News

After completing her contract with Health for Kids, Vanessa Hille has moved to Canada to follow her wanderlust and see the sights.

The rest of the Health for Kids team wish they could go with her – but we'll just live vicariously through her emails!

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