

## Cardiovascular Suite Activity

Cardiovascular Suite opened in November last year with positive recruitment. Staff have undergone extensive training and education in cardiac and radiology cases to allow BHS to be credentialed and move forward with providing the service of Coronary Angioplasty to patients in Ballarat and Grampians Region.

Services provided include Coronary Angiography, Coronary Angioplasty, permanent pacemakers, Implantable Defibrillators, full heart studies, temporary pacing wires, interventional radiology cases, PICs, Ports, AAAs, transoesopagel echos, elective cardioversions, tilt tables.

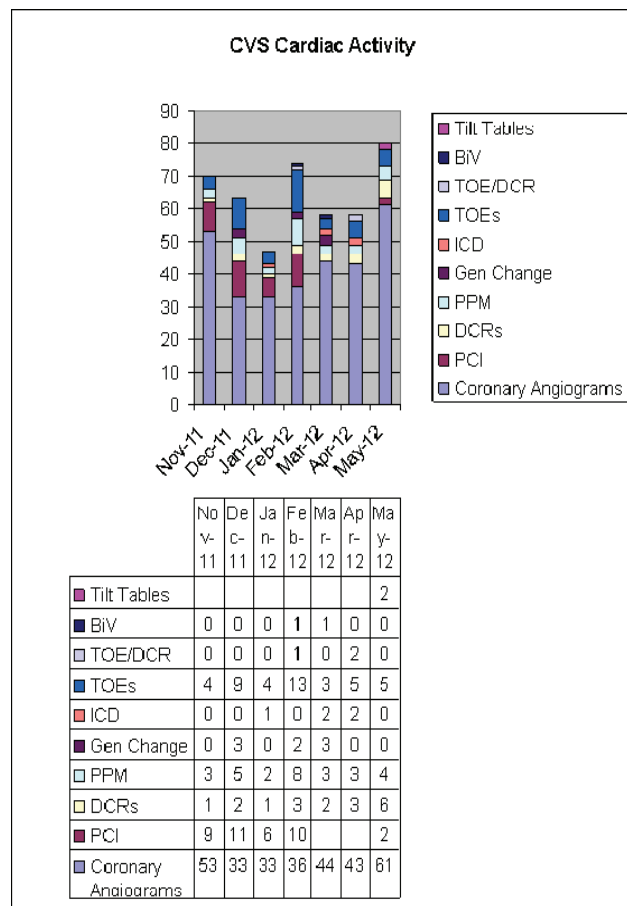
Anyone who is interested in a tour please contact us on 0407 035 411. You are more than welcome.

## Hand Hygiene

Infection Prevention and Control Staff continue to visit all BHS sites offering the annual influenza vaccination. It is recommended that all health care workers have an influenza vaccination, evidence shows that those in our care are less likely to suffer this illness and we have a duty of care to those in our care.

Infection Prevention and Control Staff have commenced hand hygiene audits for period 2. There has been a lot of education offered to staff in an effort to improve compliance during this period.

**Remember—Hand Hygiene is the most important method to reduce the incidence of infection.**



## The Graduate Certificate in Clinical Management

Be inspired and inspire others with the knowledge and confidence this online course provides.

The Graduate Certificate in Clinical Management consists of four subjects studied over two semesters by Distance Education, with support from your tutor. Active learning includes online activities and networking with colleagues.

The four subjects to be completed are:

- Introduction to leadership and management
- Financial management
- Human resource management
- Quality in action.

Further information on this course can be found on the reverse of this flyer.

**Enrolments CLOSE 29 June 2012**

**Ask us for more details**

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# Nursing Services Forum—7 June 2012

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## Message from the Acting Executive Director Acute Nursing & Midwifery—Angie Spencer

Our Executive Director Acute Nursing and Midwifery is currently on annual leave and will return 12<sup>th</sup> June. May has been another eventful month for Ballarat Health Services. On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May a Code Yellow was called due to an issue with our IT infrastructure, resulting in a lack of access to our software systems and databases. Both our Production Environment and our back up plan for Disaster Recovery were off line. This was also compounded by lack of access to IBA and a PABX power failure. Our systems were down from 10am to 10pm with impacts on numerous areas and systems across the health service. Our IT department worked into the early hours of the morning to restore IT access. Managers and staff will be involved in a Code Yellow debrief to review the incident and ensure we have business continuity plans in place should such an event happen again in the future. There is a fair bit of “hype” across the organisation at the moment in relation to the “Global Corporate Challenge”. The GCC is a solution for workplace health and employee wellbeing. Commencing May 24, the GCC is a 16-week virtual walking journey around the world and this year the walk started in London. Ballarat Health Services has 7 teams of 7 team members with pedometers attached to their hips. Each day the recorded pedometer steps are entered into the GCC website with the goal of achieving at least 10,000 steps a day. It would be true to say the teams are quite competitive and the “Rat Pack” (our Executive Team) is keen to find out who is the “Better than the Best” Team! As noted at previous Nursing Forums, there will be some changes to the twice daily bed meetings. Commencing Wed 6<sup>th</sup> June, bed meeting times will be at 1030 and 1630. To assist with information requirements and discussion at the bed meetings, a ward information sheet has been developed for the ANUM and/or shift coordinator to complete outlining information regarding admissions/discharges relevant to each ward/department.



As you will all be aware, a new Sharps Disposal system has recently been implemented and there has been a targeted focus on education and training for all areas that use the system. Worksafe have visited this week and stated that we have complied with the Improvement Notice issued earlier in the year requiring the organisation to provide information, training and instruction to staff on the safe use of the new sharps disposal system. Overall, this is a very good result and I would like to thank the Nursing Directorate and their efforts in ensuring compliance with the system. You may be aware of the Electrical Infrastructure works that were planned to commence June 30<sup>th</sup> and be completed August 5<sup>th</sup>. This work has been postponed until later in the year due to defects noted in the electrical switchboards that were to be installed. All key staff will be notified of a new set of dates as soon as they are available.

If you have not already done so, please ensure you have renewed your 2012 Nursing and Midwifery Registration. As of Mon 4<sup>th</sup> June, 91% of our nurses have renewed their registration





## Capital Planning Report

See attached Capital Works Report for the Board of Management May 2012



## Implementation of the National Consensus Statement: Essential Elements for Recognising and Responding to Clinical Deterioration

In 2010 the National Consensus Statement: Essential Elements for Recognising and Responding to Clinical Deterioration (the Consensus Statement) was endorsed by health Ministers as the national approach to managing clinical deterioration in acute healthcare facilities. The Consensus Statement has been used as the foundation for the development of National Safety and Quality Health Service Standard 9: Recognising and Responding to Clinical Deterioration in Acute Health Care.

A package of resources has been developed by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care to support the implementation of recognition and response systems in all acute healthcare facilities. It will help to meet the requirements of Standard 9: Recognising and Responding to Clinical Deterioration in Acute Health Care. This information will be provided to relevant staff within the hospital and advice to all staff generally about these resources.

- National Consensus Statement: Essential Elements for Recognising & Responding to Clinical Deterioration
- A Guide to Implementation of the National Consensus Statement: Essential Elements for Recognising and Responding to Clinical Deterioration
- Quick-Start Guide to the Implementation of Essential Element 1 Measurement and Documentation of Observations
- Quick-Start Guide to the Implementation of Essential Element 2 Escalation of Care
- Quick-Start Guide to the Implementation of Essential Element 3 Rapid Response Systems

- Quick-Start Guide to the Implementation of Essential Element 4 Clinical Communication
- Quick-Start Guide to the Implementation of Essential Elements 5, 6, 7 & 8 Organisational Prerequisites
- Quick-Start Guide to Implementing National Safety and Quality Health Service Standard 9 Recognising and Responding to Clinical Deterioration in Acute Health Care

The Commission has developed additional tools and resources to help with implementation of recognition and response systems. These include:

- Self-assessment and action planning tools
- Audit tools and specifications for quality measures
- Fact sheets about specific aspects of implementing recognition and response systems
- Planning tools for specific aspects of recognition and response systems.

These resources are available for downloading from the Commission's website at [www.safetyandquality.gov.au](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au)

The development of robust systems for recognising and responding to clinical deterioration is complex and requires input from health professionals at all levels—from bedside teams to executive teams. These documents, and the accompanying tools available on the Commission's website, provide a cohesive set of resources that give health professions in different roles guidance and tools to plan and implement systems that improve the safety of patients who are clinically deteriorating.

## Quality Governance Report—April 2012

Reports published in the April 2012 Quality Governance Report include:

- Documentation and Consent Process for Lumbar Punctures and Bier's Blocks in the Emergency Department
- 2011/2012 Workers Compensation Quarterly Report
- Audit of fractured neck of femurs—BHS Dec 2008—Feb 2011
- Monthly OH&S Report—April 2012
- Medication Incident Report—Safe Medication Working Group 4th Quarter 2011
- Adverse Event Monthly Report—April 2012

Reports can be accessed on the BHS Intranet under:

**Useful Links**→**BHS Reporting**→ **Governance Quality Report**. For information on how to publish quality improvement activities in the Quality Governance Report please contact Susan Shea on [susans@bhs.gov.au](mailto:susans@bhs.gov.au)

## New Governance Documentation System—Education Sessions

The Governance Documentation System, or Gov Docs System for short, has undergone a transformation to make the searching and upkeep of governance documents easier for staff across all areas of the Health Service. The new system will "GO LIVE" on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012. The current system will be turned off at the same time. Access will continue to be via the intranet but with an improved searching function. The Governance and Risk Management Unit are currently running sessions for staff to enable them to familiarize themselves with the new system prior to the official launch on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We encourage all staff to attend an education session prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>. A user guide will also be available via the intranet when the system goes live. If you only need to be able to access documents on the intranet, you should attend the training sessions via the PDP calendar. If you have and are likely to participate in the writing or reviewing of a policy, protocol or guideline, you are advised to attend author/reviewer training which is held in the computer training room at the Base Hospital site. The training timetable is outlined on the right. Governance Documents that need update or ratification prior between now and July 1. Until the new system is operational, we are requesting that current governance documents reviewed, or new ones developed, are held over until July 1 so that the reconciliation and transfer of the current documents into the new system is able to be completed as smoothly and quickly as possible. If there are documents that require urgent review or development and need to be accessible immediately, ie those related high risk issues or a legislative compliance issues, please discuss this with your relevant Executive Director and Mary Cushing or Karina Rieniets. Please contact Karina Rieniets (96783), Mary Cushing (94212) or Rod Lewis (96722) in the Governance and Risk Management Unit for further information or to arrange an education session.

Date	Time	Place
07/06/2012	14.00 - 15.00	I.T. Room Library
14/06/2012	14.00 - 15.00	Bill Crawford Lodge
25/06/2012	14.00 - 15.00	Gov Docs and Risk-man Q SR 1 ERC
27/06/2012	12.30 - 13.30	I.T. Room Library
28/06/2012	12.30 - 13.30	I.T. Room Library
02/07/2012	12.30 - 13.30	I.T. Room Library
03/07/2012	11.00am - 12.00	I.T. Room Library
04/07/2012	11.00am - 12.00	I.T. Room Library
05/07/2012	11.00am - 12.00	I.T. Room Library
09/07/2012	11.00am - 12.00	I.T. Room Library
11/07/2012	14.00 - 15.00	I.T. Room Library
12/07/2012	14.00 - 15.00	I.T. Room Library
16/07/2012	13.30 - 14.30	I.T. Room Library
18/07/2012	12.30 - 13.30	I.T. Room Library
19/07/2012	14.00 - 15.00	I.T. Room Library
23/07/2012	12.30 - 13.30	I.T. Room Library
24/07/2012	11.00am - 12.00	I.T. Room Library
25/07/2012	12.30 - 13.30	I.T. Room Library
26/07/2012	10.30 - 11.30	I.T. Room Library
30/07/2012	11.00am - 12.00	I.T. Room Library
31/07/2012	11.00am - 12.00	I.T. Room Library
01/08/2012	14.00 - 15.00	I.T. Room Library
02/08/2012	14.00 - 15.00	I.T. Room Library

## Special Care of the Neonate Short Course 2012

The School of Midwifery, La Trobe University together with BHS will be conducting the Special Care of the Neonate Short Course, commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012. This course was conducted in Semester 2, 2011 and has had some very positive outcomes. Depending on the sustainability and regional requirements, this course may be offered in 2013. Students undertaking this course will develop beginning expertise as a neonatal nurse. This subject will introduce students to the common neonatal conditions that are encountered in the Special Care Nursery. Students will develop an understanding of the complex physiological processes of these common conditions while they extend their knowledge of skills, nursing therapies and current neonatal practices. Students will develop an ability to anticipate nursing specific problems and to plan, implement and evaluate the care of neonates in an individualised developmentally supportive framework. This course will assist students who wish to work towards employment in the Special Care Nursery, or wish to compliment their existing neonatal skills in their current employment. The course consists of:

- 140 hours clinical placement
- 28 hours face to face theory
- 22 hours online theory

The cost will be approximately \$1700

### Important Dates

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Close of Applications

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Interviews

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Notification of outcome of Applications

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Commencement of Semester

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October & Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September - On site Study Days

