



e-letter FEB

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**This is the inaugural edition of the ELSO electronic newsletter and is being sent out to all program directors, associate directors and ECMO coordinators. Please feel free to share the information with your teams.



SURVEYS



At the request of several centers, the steering committee has decided to include links to center surveys in the monthly e-letter. Each time we will describe the purpose of the study, who is asked to participate, and who is collecting the data. All surveys will be linked to “survey-monkey” which will collect the data. If you have a survey you would like to submit, please send the information to ELSO via Peter Rycus, MPH (prycus@umich.edu).

This month’s survey comes to us from Dr. Rachel Chapman and her colleagues at Yale, has been approved by their HIC

(IRB), and involves “Patient Selection for Neonatal ECMO”. It is requested that ONE representative from each ECMO center complete the survey, preferably someone who has a role in selection of neonatal patients for ECMO. To complete, please click on the link below. (responses are anonymous).

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=S_2fCQyuM60KHT7NOMvYIpAw_3d_3d

Please help our colleagues out by completing the survey!



TRAINING

****** ECMO TRAINING COURSE ******

Nationwide Children’s Hospital announces an ECMO training course July21-25, 2008 in Columbus Ohio. Details including schedule, registration, hotel, etc. can be obtained at either of the two links below, or by contacting Thomas Preston at

thomas.preston@nationwidechildrens.org

<http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/gd/templates/pages/medpros/medpros.aspx?page=8300>

<http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/gd/applications/controller.cfm?page=54&cid=485&type=2&CatID=4>

******ECMO FELLOWSHIP******

Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center and Brenner Children's Hospital is accepting applications for its ECMO Fellowship 2008-09. The fellowship is designed for General Surgery Residents who have completed at least 3 years of training in an ACGME accredited program, and who have an interest in Pediatric Surgery, Trauma/Burn Surgery, Critical Care or Cardiac Surgery. The training includes all aspects of ECMO care for all age patients with respiratory and/or cardiac failure. Interested residents should send their CV to mhines@wfubmc.edu



MEETINGS

******CNMC KEYSTONE MEETING******

We hope to see many of you at the upcoming Keystone meeting sponsored by Children's National Medical Center February 24-28, 2008. They have once again planned an exceptional program. Additional last minute info can be obtained at:

www.ecmomeeting.com

******SEECMO******

This year's meeting is hosted by Children's Hospital in Dallas May 1-3, 2008. Details at:

www.childrens.com/Healthcare_professionals/CMCD_SEECMO_2008.cfm

****** ELSO ANNUAL MEETING******

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the 19th Annual ELSO conference, in conjunction with AmSECT in San Diego CA, Sept 22-24, 2008.

<http://www.else.med.umich.edu/>



REGISTRY QUESTIONS

In future e-letter editions, we will post the answers to some FAQ's submitted to ELSO in attempt to make data submission as easy as possible.

Feb (?) Over the last few years we have continued to receive questions about the cardiac addendum about unusual diagnosis and procedures that are difficult to find in the list. VERY SOON ELSO will release the updated and expanded version of the ELSO Cardiac Codes which should be much more inclusive and help solve this problem!



OPPORTUNITIES

If you or your institution have specific needs for coordinators, specialists, directors, etc. ELSO “e-letter” will post them here!!