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Welcome to the first ACACI newsletter for 2007!

This newsletter is so you can see what's going on with our projects, staff, Informatics Seminars as well as extending our informatics network.

Staff Changes

There have been some staff changes over the last few months. After working at DHS on a part time secondment, Vicki Moritz has taken up a full time secondment at HealthSMART for the next 18 months. Mark Plummer has also moved, taking up a position in the Austin PACS team.

New additions to the team are Heather Davis and Caitlyn Green who joined in late 2006, both having worked at Austin Health prior to joining ACACI and Anthea Ward who has been filling in for Vicki Moritz during her initial part time secondment to DHS. We hope to announce replacement for Mark Plummer in January.

ACACI Key Projects for 2007

Electronic Discharge Summaries

Each inpatient is to have an electronic discharge summary that is shared with the treating GP. The electronic summaries are currently in place across 24 units and are to be introduced across all of Austin Health. Roll out is on hold until the new project lead is in post.

Electronic Risk Assessment

This project has been externally funded and is looking at creating a hospital wide risk assessment tool for patients at risk of pressure areas, falls and malnutrition. Heather Davis & Caitlyn Green are the project leads.

Clinical Audit

Using clinical informatics methods and technology to support the development and implementation of hospital wide clinical audit. Anthea Ward is the project lead.

Nursing Informatics

This project continues to examine the requirements for capturing nursing information in an electronic format. Janette Gogler is the project contact.

Training

Training will be delivered to new staff as well as refresher training for existing staff in not only our electronic patient record but other computer applications. More roving training will be carried out across all campuses to ensure training is available for our busy staff. Andrew Chong is the Training Manager.

Informatics Seminars 2007

We're trying out a new format for our seminars. These will be held monthly and we endeavour to have 1 Austin and 1 external speaker per session. For February:

Integrated HR Systems- SMART or Stupid?
Leslie Bell- Project Manager HRMS, Austin Health

Update on HealthSMART Clinical systems
Presented by Patrick Burnett- HealthSMART

Topics and presentations are yet to be confirmed for all of the remaining sessions. If you have a suggestion for a topic or wish to present, please contact acaci@austin.org.au

To extend the opportunity for catching up, there will be drinks and dinner at the Old England afterwards for anyone attending the session.

All sessions are a 5:30pm start with light refreshments available from 5pm. Sessions will be held in the Education Precinct on Level 4 of the Austin Tower. Car parking is available via the Studley Road car park. A map of the Austin is available via www.austin.org.au/MapData/1.pdf

Students & Research for 2007

We are anticipating a number of undergraduate and post graduate students this year. From La Trobe University we are expecting 3rd year Bachelor of Health Information Management students in April/May.

ACACI continues to work with Central Queensland University via our postdoctoral fellows, Dr Carola Hullin and Dr. Sebastian Garde. We are expecting post graduate students in the areas of business enterprise information systems, health economics and accounting and archetype development.

We continue to have Nursing PhD student Ahamed Tanvir from Melbourne University and are working with University of Melbourne Information Systems Department.

We'll be giving all the students the opportunity to present their work and research via our Informatics Seminars.

Centre for Health Innovation

The Centre for Health Innovation is a joint initiative of Bayside Health, the Baker Heart Research Institute, Monash University, LaTrobe University and the Victorian Government. At our last informatics seminar, General Manager, Cathie Steele gave an overview of the centre, their world-class simulation facilities and their role in the development of health informatics. The Centre is based at the Alfred Hospital and will be working on projects across Australia. More at www.healthinnovation.com.au

ACACI Website

For more information on what we're up to, visit www.acaci.org.au

Seminar Dates 2007

Feb	Tues 6 th
March	Tues 13 th
April	Wed 18 th
May	Mon 21 st
June	Wed 20 th
July	Thurs 19 th
Aug	Tues 21 st
Sept	Mon 24 th
Oct	Tues 23 rd
Nov	Thurs 29 th

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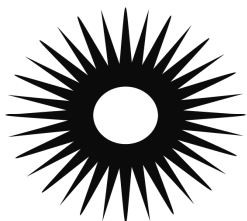
The 12th World Congress on Health Informatics, hosted by HISA, is to be held in Brisbane in August 2007. Our colleague Dr. Carola Hullin is one of the Ambassadors for the event. Around 3000 participants from over 50 countries are expected to attend. For more information visit www.medinfo2007.com

Interested in SNOMED CT?

Austin Health is looking to establish a SNOMED CT Terminology network to develop a wider understanding of SNOMED CT and discuss queries and concerns before feeding back to NEHTA.

If you're interested in being part of this network please contact

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