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Have you answered these surveys on intensive care medicine?

Three surveys seeking information from ICUs around the world are currently open for data collection.

ICU inter-professional rounding practices

This online survey, supported by the World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine, is led by Dr. Andre Amaral, Sunnybrook Research Institute, Toronto, Canada. It is open to intensivists, trainees and ICU nurses.

The purpose of the study is to:

- Provide an international perspective on current ICU inter-professional rounding practices
- Describe an international perspective on preferred ICU inter-professional rounding practices
- Describe an international perspective on the associations between ICU inter-professional rounding practices and end-user perceptions of quality of care
- Evaluate the degree of end-user satisfaction with ICU inter-professional rounding practices.

The steering committee comprises Dr. Amaral, Dr. Jorge Salluh, Dr. JL Vincent, Dr. Steve Webb and Dr. Louise Rose.

The link to the survey is: https://pt.surveymonkey.com/r/survey_icu

International survey of the structure and organisation of ICUs (ISOREA)

Data on the structure and organisation of intensive care units (ICU) worldwide are scarce, especially in intermediate- and low-income countries. This lack of information is partly due to the high disparity in clinical care provided to critically ill people worldwide, to the diversity of the health systems models, and to the difficulty in reaching a consensus on the definition of what an ICU is.

The International survey of the structure and organisation of ICUs (ISOREA) [Enquête Internationale sur la Structure et l'Organisation des REAnimations], aims to evaluate the structures and organisation systems of ICUs in a big sample from high-, middle-, and low-income countries. Its exhaustive design should provide meaningful data in the field, says principal investigator, Prof. Armand Mekontso Dessap, Hôpitaux Universitaires Henri Mondor and Université Paris Est Créteil, Paris, France.

The survey includes questions about:

- The spatial characteristics of the ICU life support and monitoring techniques
- Human resources
- Clinical care administered to patients
- Research activities, and
- Training and quality improvement programmes.

Data will be collected over the first semester of 2018 and analysed during the second semester of 2018. Prof. Dessap says that this study may provide important insights to decision makers on the actions to undertake and the improvement projects to set up, especially in low- or middle-income countries.

The survey is endorsed by the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM), the Société de Réanimation de Langue Française (SRLF) and the Société d'Anesthésie Réanimation d'Afrique Noire Francophone (SARANF).

The link to the survey is:

Survey: Models of critical care outreach systems

Critical care outreach teams (CCOTs) were introduced in an attempt to reduce morbidity and mortality through the earlier detection and resuscitation of acutely deteriorating patients. However, there are many different models of critical care outreach systems across the UK and internationally.

Dr. Duphal Patel, academic clinical fellow in anaesthetics and intensive care medicine at Cambridge University, UK, is leading an online survey that aims to take a cross-sectional view, collecting data looking at the staffing, availability, activities and governance of different critical care outreach systems (CCOS) across the world. Following this Dr. Patel will use a systems engineering approach to determine the optimal configuration(s) of a CCOS, and determine the most appropriate metrics to measure the success or impact of a CCOT.

The link to the survey is: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/_criticalcareoutreach

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