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*AS FROM JANUARY 2004 THE AUSTRALIAN RESUSCITATON COUNCIL GUIDELINES AND POLICY STATEMENTS WILL BE FREELY AVAILABLE IN READ ONLY PDF FORMAT VIA THE ARC WEBSITE*

*www.resus.org.au*

### *CHANGES TO THE ARC WEBSITE IN 2004*

The following letter has been sent to all 2003 subscribers explaining the changes to the ARC website being developed during 2004:

*As you will have read on the enclosed renewal notice for your 2004 Subscription, the ARC Guidelines and Policy Statements will become freely available on the ARC website from January 2004. This is consistent with the ARCs objective to make guidelines widely available throughout Australia to all involved in resuscitation. These guidelines will be available in READ ONLY PDF format ensuring that the most recent and up to date information is always available at any time. The BLS, ALS and PLS flowcharts will continue to be fully downloadable.*

*In addition the ARC is enhancing the benefits of subscription. When you renew your "hard copy" subscription for 2004, which includes guideline updates three times a year, you will also be issued with a username and password.*

*This will enable you to gain access to the new "Subscribers Only" area on the ARC website. This will provide access to additional information and resources including:*

- *The ARC Guidelines being fully downloadable.*
- *Literature databases (in ENDNOTE format).*
- *Evidence Based Worksheets used to develop ARC Guidelines.*
- *Subscriber's forum.*

*This list of additional resources will be further developed and added to during 2004.*

*I trust that you will again support the ARC through your continued subscription and find the added benefits of being a subscriber worthwhile.*

*With kind regards*

*A/Professor Ian Jacobs*
*National Chairman*

## *NEW AND/OR UPDATED GUIDELINES*

Which accompany this Newsletter

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| Guideline 4.3.1 | Airway Management |
| Guideline 4.3.2 | Manual Clearance of the Airway |
| Guideline 5.4 | Expired Air Resuscitation in Young Children and Infants |
| Guideline 8.1 | Principles of Control of Bleeding for First Aiders |
| Guideline 8.23 | Anaphylaxis – First Aid Management |
| Guideline 12.4 | Flowchart for the Sequential Management of Life-Threatening Arrhythmias in Infants and Children |
| Guideline 12.6 | Management of Specific Arrhythmias in Paediatric ALS |
| Guideline 12.7 | Techniques in Paediatric Advanced Life Support |
| Guideline 12.8 | Medications & Fluids in Paediatric ALS |

## *SUBSCRIBERS PLEASE NOTE*

The enclosed Guidelines 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 are a combination of your existing Policy Statements 4.3.1-4.3.5.

Please REMOVE Policy Statements 4.3.1-4.3.5 from your manual and REPLACE with enclosed Guidelines 4.3.1 and 4.3.2.

## *DRAFT GUIDELINES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW*

The following Guidelines will be issued to member organisations and State Branches, as drafts, for consideration at the next meeting of Council.

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| Guideline 3.1 | Unconsciousness |
| Guideline 6.2.3 | Method of Checking the Brachial Pulse in Infants |
| Guideline 6.3.1 | Locating the Site for External Cardiac Compression |
| Guideline 8.9.6 | First Aid Treatment for Marine Envenomation |
| Guideline 8.15 | First Aid for Asthma |
| Guideline 9.1.1 | CPR Training Course Objectives, Content and Criteria for Evaluation |
| Guideline 10.1.1 | Ancillary Devices for EAR |

## *UPCOMING EVENTS*

5TH INTERNATIONAL
SPARK OF LIFE CONFERENCE

15-16 April 2005
*Hilton Hotel*
*Adelaide, South Australia*

Registration Fee for the 2 day conference:
$385 (Inclusive of GST)
Workshops: Thursday 14 April
(Details to follow)

INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
Pierre Carli (France)
Tony Handley (UK)
Vinay Nadkarni (USA)

AUSTRALIAN VISITOR
Frank Archer (Vic)

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*"COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL READERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR"*

*Carol Carey*
*Newsletter Editor*