Ensuring Monash Health practice is up-to-date

The Evidence Dissemination Service (EDS) identifies and distributes current, high quality evidence to clinical leaders at Monash Health.

- The governance of this service and related actions is conducted through the Technology and Clinical Practice Committee (TCPC) to ensure that clinical practice is consistent with the current evidence identified by EDS.
- This work also aligns with the 2013 – 2018 Monash Health Medical Services, Innovation and Quality Strategic Plan success measure ‘Audits of evidence-based practice confirm that new evidence made available by the Evidence Dissemination Service has been incorporated into clinical care’.
- Information that is disseminated includes evidence of harm, lack of effect and clinical effectiveness as well as recommendations to re-assess or disinvest in specific clinical practices.
- Clinical leaders are asked to report back on any action required to align current Monash Health practice with the most up-to-date evidence.

The following process has been developed to minimise time and effort.

1. Identify evidence summaries as they are published
2. Compare current practice with up-to-date evidence
3. Confirm that current practice is consistent with evidence
4. Take action to ensure practice is consistent with evidence
5. Screen for quality and applicability to Monash Health
6. Response from Clinical Leaders
   - Confirm that current practice is consistent with evidence
   - Take action to ensure practice is consistent with evidence
7. TCPC Follows up responses and actions

- Only synthesised information such as systematic reviews and health technology assessments will be provided. You will not receive trials or other primary studies, editorials or opinion pieces.
- The synthesised evidence is retrieved from high quality sources and will be appraised by staff from the Centre for Clinical Effectiveness (CCE) so that you can be confident the information is trustworthy.
- CCE staff will compare the evidence with current policies and procedures. If Monash Health documentation is consistent with the evidence, you will be informed but no response is required.
- A response will only be required if there are no policies and procedures on this topic or if the current policies and procedures are inconsistent with the latest evidence.
- Action will only be required if current practice is inconsistent with up-to-date high quality evidence that is relevant and applicable to Monash Health.
- Responses will be required within one month.
- The TCPC will follow up on all evidence where practice is found to be inconsistent.

Your input and suggestions to improve the methods and materials is welcome and encouraged. Please direct your feedback and any questions to: eds@monashhealth.org

Yours sincerely

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