

# Staff bulletin

Important information for all staff

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## Clinical Information System (CIS)

**A** new electronic system being rolled out in Critical Care will improve access to patient information and reduce paperwork.

The Clinical Information System (CIS) is a comprehensive, integrated information system that is designed to replace paper records in the Intensive Care and High Dependency Units. Staff in departments such as Pharmacy and Laboratories will also access the system to review patient medications and communicate results.

Computers are located at every bedside in ICU and HDU, offering an overall picture of the patient's status while also allowing staff to easily input information and update the medication they have been prescribed.

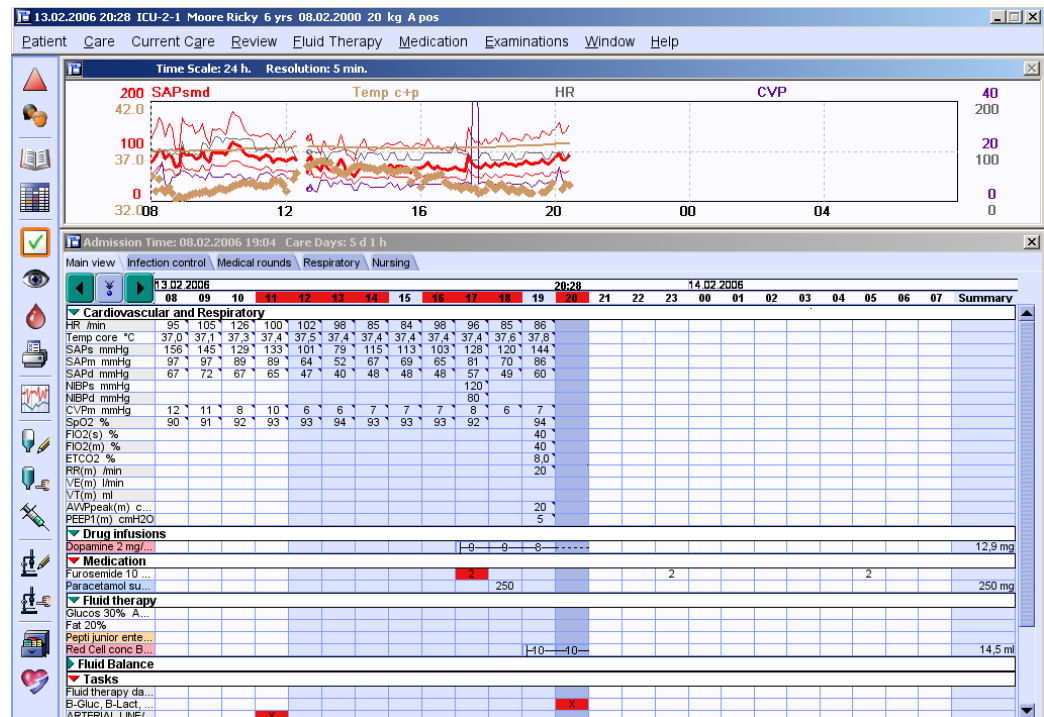
The system also automatically records patients' vital signs and information from devices hooked up to the patient, such as infusion equipment. This means less time completing forms and more time working directly with patients.

### When will the system be up and running?

The system has been developed in our Critical Care department for several months with input from e-Health, Pharmacy, Medical and Nursing staff. It will now go 'live' on Monday 8 June.

### What are the benefits of using the new system?

The system will potentially benefit the hospital in



various ways by providing:

- seamless audit trails;
- cost savings;
- reduction in paperwork;
- increased compliance with guidelines;
- safer drug administration;
- more standardised clinical practice;
- accessible and legible on-screen print to reduce communication error; and
- enhanced research through access to comprehensive reports.

### I don't know how to use the system; will I be offered training?

We have been holding training sessions to ensure all critical care staff are ready to use the new system when it is launched

However, if you have not yet received training and you work in an area where the system is being rolled out please contact your Clinical Educator or the CIS facilitators on extension 5348 to arrange a date.

