The WISH Project is assisting Australian and New Zealand tertiary obstetric units to adopt recommendations from the National Clinical Practice Guidelines on Antenatal magnesium sulphate prior to preterm birth for neuroprotection of the fetus, infant and child.

The WISH Project aims to:

- Provide implementation strategies to hospitals.
- Monitor and improve uptake of the use of antenatal magnesium sulphate as a neuroprotective therapy immediately prior to imminent (within 24 hours), early preterm birth (less than 30 weeks gestation).
- Reduce the risk of very preterm babies dying or having cerebral palsy.

**WISH NEWS**

**IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS**
The WISH Project Team have developed and disseminated a range of tools to assist hospitals to implement the National Clinical Practice Guidelines on Antenatal magnesium sulphate prior to preterm birth for neuroprotection of the fetus, infant and child.

**Guideline Action Packs (GAPs)**
Every tertiary maternity hospital in Australia and New Zealand will have received the implementation tools in Guideline Action Packs (GAPs) in December 2011 or January 2012.

**PTO for more information about how to use the GAP tools**

**WISH AUDIT OF UPTAKE**
The following hospitals are participating in the WISH audit of uptake and clinical outcomes data collection:

- Women’s and Children’s Hospital, SA
- Royal North Shore Hospital, NSW
- Mater Mothers’ Hospital, QLD
- The Royal Women’s Hospital, VIC

If you would like to be included in the WISH audit too, please contact: wish@adelaide.edu.au

The WISH Newsletter is designed for those involved in this project. We hope this publication will keep you up to date on current and upcoming activities, project changes, and accomplishments. We welcome submissions from all involved in the project for inclusion in the newsletter.

Please submit to: wish@adelaide.edu.au

**Australian and New Zealand Tertiary Maternity Hospitals Receiving Guideline Action Packs**

- Women’s and Children’s Hospital, SA
- Flinders Medical Centre, SA
- The Canberra Hospital, ACT
- John Hunter Hospital, NSW
- Liverpool Health Service, NSW
- Nepean Hospital, NSW
- Royal Hospital for Women, NSW
- Royal North Shore Hospital, NSW
- RPA Women and Babies, NSW
- Westmead Hospital, NSW
- Royal Darwin Hospital, NT
- Mater Mother’s Hospital, QLD
- Royal Brisbane and Women’s, QLD
- The Townsville Hospital, QLD
- Launceston General Hospital, TAS
- Royal Hobart Hospital, TAS
- Mercy Hospital for Women, VIC
- Monash Medical Centre, VIC
- The Royal Women’s Hospital, VIC
- King Edward Memorial Hospital, WA
- Auckland City Hospital, NZ
- Christchurch Hospital, NZ
- Dunedin Hospital, NZ
- Middlemore Hospital, NZ
- Waikato Hospital, NZ
- Wellington Women’s Hospital, NZ
What’s in the Guideline Action Packs?

- **PowerPoint Presentation about the Magnesium Sulphate CPG**
  Use for in-services with staff about the clinical practice guidelines (CPG). This presentation provides background to the CPG, the scope of the guidelines, key recommendations, and implementation outcomes and significance.

- **Information pamphlets for women: ‘Antenatal magnesium sulphate therapy for improving the health of preterm babies’**
  Can be given to mothers at risk of very preterm birth (< 30 weeks gestation). This pamphlet provides information for mothers about magnesium sulphate therapy, including why it may be given, recommendations for the use of this treatment, and answers to common questions.

- **Information pamphlets for Health Professionals: ‘Summary of Clinical Recommendations and Good Practice Points’**
  Can be distributed to all health professionals involved in the care of women at risk of very preterm birth, to help raise awareness and the use of the CPG.

- **A5 Case Notes Reminder Inserts for Magnesium Sulphate**
  Place this in the case notes of mothers at risk of very preterm birth (< 30 weeks gestation) to prompt health professionals to consider their patient’s eligibility for magnesium sulphate.

Also included in the GAPs are A3/A4 Magnesium Sulphate Implementation Posters that can be put up in perinatal care areas to assist with implementation of the CPG.

**Need further GAP Tools?**

*Please use the GAP Tools Order Form to order further supplies of the implementation tools as required or contact The WISH Project Team for assistance.*

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**Evaluating implementation**

A member of The WISH Project Team will be contacting each hospital to hear about the local implementation of the Antenatal Magnesium Sulphate Clinical Practice Guidelines.

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**How do I locate the CPG and Consumer Brochure for Antenatal Magnesium Sulphate for Neuroprotection?**

You can find the Antenatal Magnesium Sulphate Clinical Practice Guidelines online at:


The accompanying Consumer Information Brochure can be found online at:


If you would like any further information about how the ‘Antenatal magnesium sulphate prior to preterm birth for neuroprotection of the fetus, infant and child: National clinical practice guidelines’ can be implemented at your hospital, or The WISH Project, please contact us: wish@adelaide.edu.au