

ICM 2011

23rd ANZICS Intensive Care Medicine Course
(*Focused on the ICU care of the Critically Ill*)

14 to 17 July 2011

Frequently Asked Questions

ICM Course

ANZICS Intensive Care course has had a long tradition. **ICM 2011** will be the **23rd Annual Course in Melbourne** and the sixth organised by Eastern Health.

We salute the vision of the Victorian chapter of ANZICS that set this course rolling in 1989. Now a true Pan-ANZICS initiative, this Melbourne course has metamorphosed in to a significant event in the academic firmament of Critical Care Medicine in Australasia. We laud the former conveners of this course for their vision, foresight and commitment to the cause.

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What is CCCC – *Clinical Challenges in Critical Care*

2009 saw an additional day's event in the form of an Interactive Series of presentations of practical relevance to the daily practice of Critical Care Medicine. This session focuses on sharpening the clinical reasoning and the analytical skills of practitioners of Intensive Care Medicine. CCCC 2011 will be held on Thu 14 July 2011.

Is this an Exam-Oriented Course?

Intensive Care Medicine has had a rich tradition of a few but well subscribed courses. There are some courses designed explicitly to assist candidates succeed in the CICM examination. The popularity those courses enjoy is very well placed.

We have unashamedly structured our ICM course to inspire *clinical thought* and invigorate *intellectual appetite*, preferring these to packaged dogma. We have striven to balance *theory* and *practice* of Critical Care Medicine. Our course focuses on the ICU clinical management of the critically ill. We are confident you will enjoy the content and the perspective.

What is ACES?

Acute Critical Event Simulation is a 4-hour session of 8 to 9 skill stations on the afternoon of the Saturday 16 July 2011. This will be held in the Outpatients Department in the Ground Level of the main Box Hill Hospital (across the road from the Seminar Room / Lecture Theatre complex of Eastern Health Headquarters, where the main course and the symposium will be held).

How is the ICM course different from the ACM Course?

ACM course is Australasia's first course in *Acute Care Medicine* and is held annually in January and hosted by the Department of Medicine, Eastern Clinical School of Monash University and focuses on the *pre-ICU care of the acutely ill*. Acute Care Medicine transcends specialties and is truly Multi-System in its practice. The technological explosion and the consequent super-specialization of Medical training have challenged multi-system Medicine in the health systems globally. Recent changes in hospitals have further minimized optimal training in effective practice of Acute Care Medicine. The specialist colleges bemoan the decline in quality Acute Care Medicine training.

ICM Course, our winter course, focuses on the *ICU care of the critically ill*.

Who would benefit from attending the ICM Course?

Anyone involved in the clinical care of the critically ill. The course is not restricted to trainees from any one of the specialist colleges in Australia. Though ICM involves input from multi-disciplinary health care professionals, presently the course is only open to Doctors.

We are delighted at the overwhelming response from all over Australia and New Zealand. As expected the registrants hail mainly from amongst Registrars and Fellows in Intensive Care Medicine. We are pleased to have a growing number of registrants from Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine and Anesthesiology; we believe trainees and specialists from these interface specialties deserve the opportunity to partake in ANZICS courses – hence the reformatting (in 2006) to *Intensive Care Medicine* course (redesigned from 'ICU Registrars' course). We are confident that the course will be beneficial to practitioners from all the streams managing the critically ill – ACEM, ANZCA, RACP, RACS and CICM

ICU Specialists and Consultants in Anesthesiology and Emergency Medicine will also find ICM + CCCC a worthwhile update in Critical Care Medicine.

Do Advanced Trainees of RACP, ANZCA and ACEM Benefit from ICM course?

As Critical Care Medicine transcends all specialties, ICM Course is indeed beneficial to anyone looking after critically ill patients. Registrars and Consultants from Emergency Medicine, Anesthesiology, Internal Medicine and Surgery have attended past courses.

Where is the Course held?

The ICM Course is organised by **Eastern Health** (www.easternhealth.org.au) and the venue is the Education Centre on level 3 of the newly commissioned **Eastern Health HQ building at 5, Arnold Street, Box Hill, VIC – 3128** (just across Arnold Street from Box Hill Hospital and just across Spring Street from Epworth Eastern in the suburb of Box Hill, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia).

Please refer to the Maps on the website www.easternhealth.org.au/media/events/acm.aspx

What are the Timings of the Course?

The ICM Course will run from 0800 hrs Friday to 1430 hrs Sunday (2.5 day course). The course is not residential. CCCC will be held from 0800 to 1730 on Thu 15 July 2010.

What is covered in the Registration Fee?

Those who register for the ICM Course only can attend the ICM Course (Fri-Sun) and those who choose to attend the CCCC as well as the ICM course can obviously attend both the events (ICM Course + CCCC). It is possible to register just for the CCCC.

Please refer to the Registration page or the Course Fee pages of the ICM website <http://www.easternhealth.org.au/media/events/icm.aspx> and www.anzics.com.au

The Registration Fee covers all attendances (including at ACES – Skill Stations), Meals and Beverages and the ICM Course Manual and the CCCC Manual. The registration fee does not include Accommodation, Transport, Car Parking or other individual expenses.

How does one register? – Online Registration will commence on 15 April 2011

Payment is mandatory before confirmation of registration. Registration is on a *first come first served* basis. From 15 April the website will expound the Registration & Payment process.

What happens after Registration?

Within a fortnight after you register you will receive an e-mail confirmation and will also receive periodical communication from the convenors. However the ICM segment of the ACM website (<http://www.easternhealth.org.au/media/events/icm.aspx>) and the Courses segment of the ANZICS website (www.anzics.com.au) should be your primary portal for ICM and CCCC related pre-course communication.

What about Refunds?

Request for Refunds will be dealt on a case by case basis. **All refunds will attract deduction of administration and online payment processing fee.** There will be a sliding scale of increasing deduction as the course nears. **There will be NO refund after 21 June 2011.** Please note that this is a non-profit course and costs are burgeoning.

When will the Course Manual be given?

This will be distributed at Registration. The Certificate of Attendance and other accoutrements will also be distributed then.

Registration Desk will function as follows

On Level 3 of Eastern Health HQ – 5, Arnold Street, Box Hill, VIC-3128

Wed 13 July 2011: 1630 – 1800
Thu 14 July 2010: 0700 – 0800
Fri 15 July 2010: 0730 – 0800

Can I attend just one or two days of the ICM Course?

You may do so but the maximum benefit will be achieved when one attends the entire course. There is no reduction in the Registration Fee for those who leave early.

Is there any Test or Assessment at the Course?

Relax. There is no test or assessment. This course is to up skill you and the feedback has been very positive in the years gone. Please refer to the feedback segments of the previous courses on the ACM / ICM website. There is however “*Clinical Quiz in Critical Care Medicine*” where everyone has an equal opportunity to win.

Who are the convenors of this course?

Dr Sam Radford, ICU Specialist at Box Hill is the Deputy Convenor of the course

Assoc. Prof. Ramesh Nagappan: Director of Medicine, Maroondah Hospital &
Intensive Care Specialist, Box Hill & Knox Hospitals
Convenor of ACM & ICM 2006 – onward

Who do I contact if I need more information or clarification?

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