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About NAPICU

- The National Association of Psychiatric Intensive Care and Low Secure units is a rapidly expanding organisation committed to developing and promoting the intensive and low secure speciality.

Our Aims

- To improve service user experience and outcomes and to promote staff support and development with PICU and low secure environments (in an MDT manner)
- Improving mechanisms for the delivery of PICU and LS services
- Auditing effectiveness
- Promoting research, education and practice development.

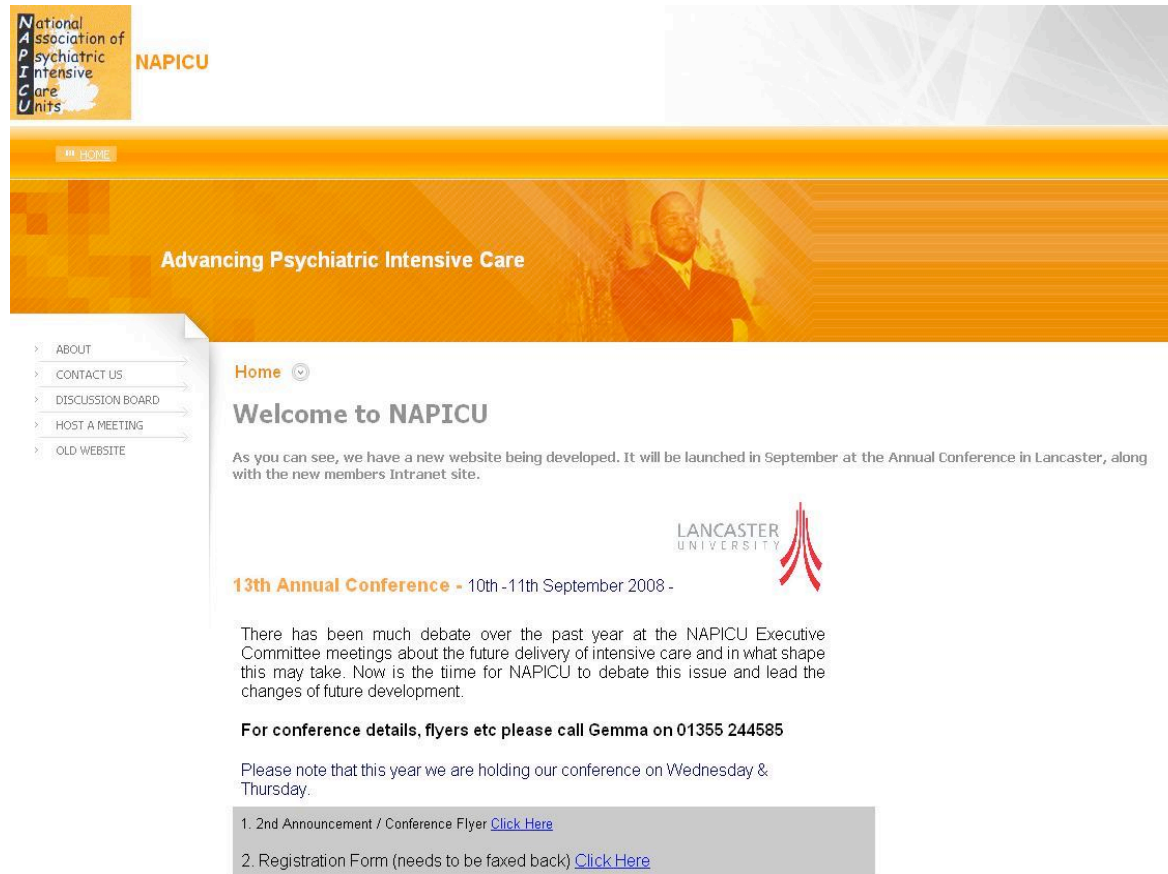
NAPICU Achievements

- The association uses a number of tools and methods to meet the aims of NAPICU including:-
 - Membership
 - E-Newsletter
 - Website
 - Journal & Textbooks
 - Annual National Conference
 - National Survey
 - AIMS / PICU National Accreditation Programme
 - Quarterly Meetings

NAPICU Membership

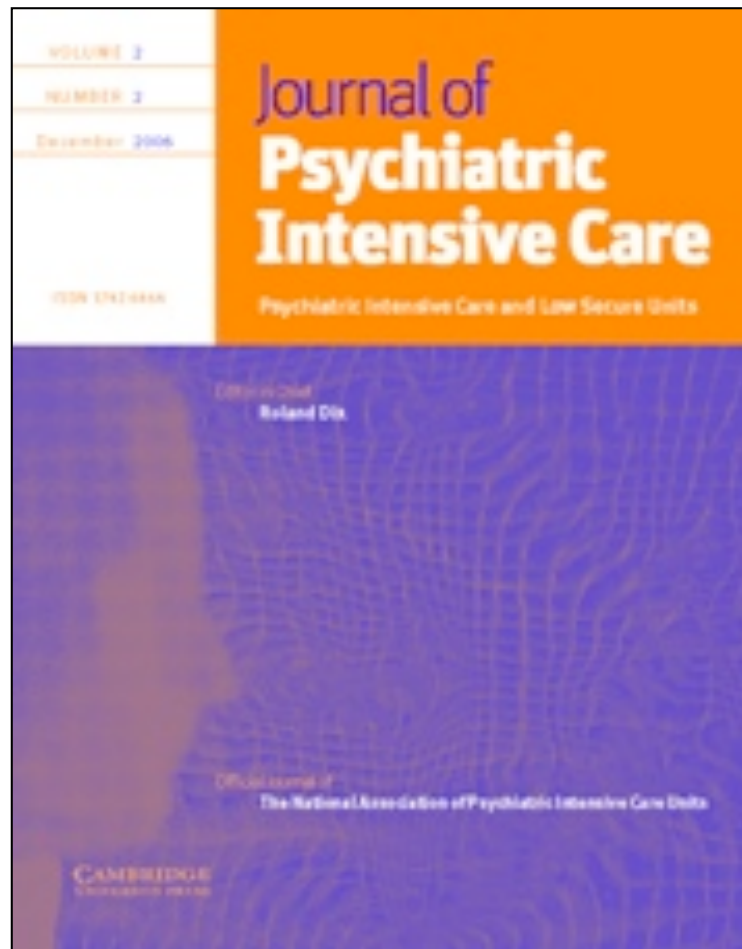
- NAPICU has over 130 members
- NHS, Private, International Units and personal memberships
- International membership has increased over the years.
- Some of the NAPICU benefits include:-
- Attendance at Qtrly meetings and the National Annual Conference with entry to the NAPICU Team of the Year and Dragons Den award.
- Access to International PICU & LS journal
- Access to members only website, pod-castings, presentations and videos from Qtrly mtgs and conferences.
- Access to the National Accreditation Programmes

Website and Email

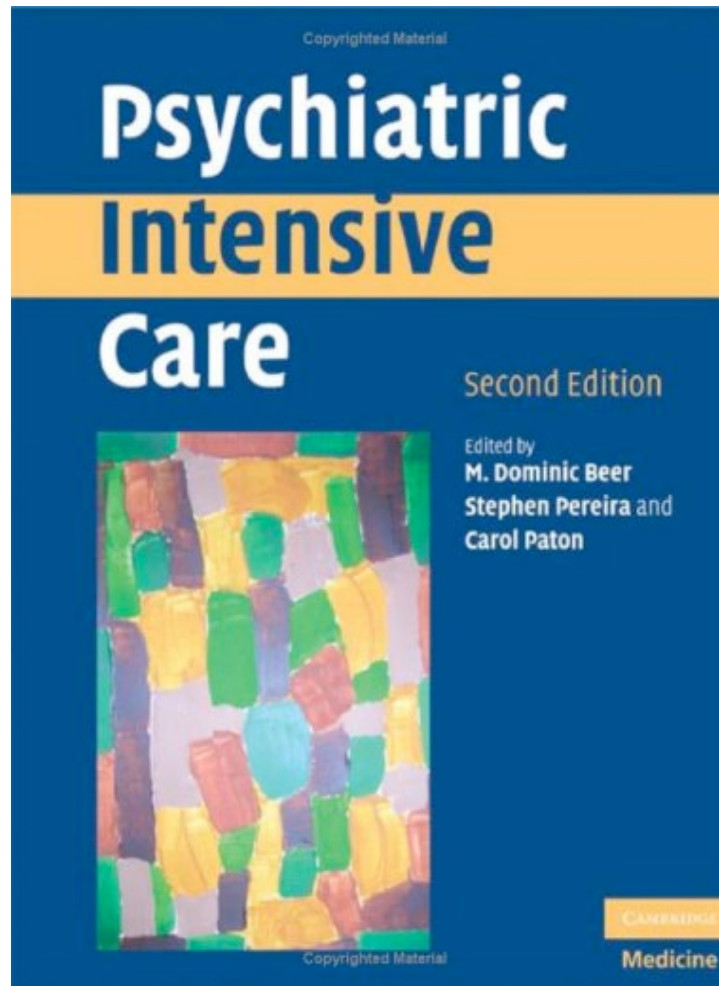


The screenshot shows the NAPICU website homepage. At the top left is the NAPICU logo, which consists of a stylized map of the United Kingdom in orange and the text 'National Association of Psychiatric Intensive Care Units' stacked vertically. To the right of the logo is the acronym 'NAPICU'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with the following items: 'HOME', 'ABOUT', 'CONTACT US', 'DISCUSSION BOARD', 'HOST A MEETING', and 'OLD WEBSITE'. The main content area features a large orange banner with the text 'Advancing Psychiatric Intensive Care' and a photograph of a man in a suit. Below the banner, the page is titled 'Home' with a smiley face icon. The main heading is 'Welcome to NAPICU'. The text below reads: 'As you can see, we have a new website being developed. It will be launched in September at the Annual Conference in Lancaster, along with the new members Intranet site.' To the right of this text is the Lancaster University logo. Below the text is the heading '13th Annual Conference - 10th -11th September 2008 -'. The text continues: 'There has been much debate over the past year at the NAPICU Executive Committee meetings about the future delivery of intensive care and in what shape this may take. Now is the time for NAPICU to debate this issue and lead the changes of future development.' Below this is the text: 'For conference details, flyers etc please call Gemma on 01355 244585'. At the bottom, there is a note: 'Please note that this year we are holding our conference on Wednesday & Thursday.' and a list of two items: '1. 2nd Announcement / Conference Flyer [Click Here](#)' and '2. Registration Form (needs to be faxed back) [Click Here](#)'.

Journal of Psychiatric Intensive Care



Psychiatric Intensive Care (2nd Ed)



Accreditation for Acute Inpatient Mental Health Services (AIMS)

and

PICU's

What is AIMS/PICU

- AIMS/PICU is a joint venture between the NAPICU and the Royal College of Psychiatrists Centre for Quality Improvement (CCQI)
- The Programme is working in partnership with the British Psychological Society, the College of Occupational Therapists and the Royal College of Nursing Healthcare Commission.
- The new standards have been drawn up from review of relevant literature.

Benefits

- Quality monitoring (in relation to commissioning)
- Ability to demonstrate adherence to NHS standards for better health to the CQC
- Service planning
- Development of standards to support commissioning of services
- Improving health service research
- Information sharing
- Benchmarking

Challenges

- Getting units to sign-up
- Disseminating information
- Creating an environment of continuing development
- Gaining recognition from relevant organisations
- Providing support for struggling units

What's next ?

- NAPICU and Royal College continue to work closely together
- It is hoped that we continue to gain the support and input from NAPICU members and key-individuals

AIMS / PICU

- Accreditation for Inpatient Mental Health Services (AIMS)
- Standards for Psychiatric Intensive Care Units

