

CIAP news

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Music Therapy: Striking a Chord

A controversial study published in the [Journal of the American Medical Association](#) (JAMA), suggests that the increasingly popular intervention of music therapy in children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) has no significant benefit in improving communication and social skills.



In the randomised clinical trial, 364 participants were either assigned to music therapy, or enhanced standard care. No significant difference in symptom severity was observed between the two participant groups over 5 months. These results contrast with those of a popular Cochrane Collaboration meta-analysis by Geretsegger et al., which found music therapy to be associated with significant improvement in core symptoms of ASD.

The contradictory results also highlight an important debate concerning the differential merits of a large RCT and a comprehensive meta-analysis. So was it the intervention or the study that didn't work?

Read the [full article](#) for more insight into the results as well as the limitations surrounding the study.

The Question

This month's question is:

Which branch of science directly translates to the study of 'suffering'?

The answer is **Pathology**

Pathology literally translates to the study of suffering (Greek *pathos* = suffering, *logos* = study); more prosaically, the term pathology is invoked to represent the study of disease.

This question was found in [Robbins & Cotran Pathologic Basis of Disease, 9th Edition](#), Chapter 1 and is available via CIAP's full book list.



Is Etiquette More Than Just Good Manners?

Imagine walking into a room and overhearing one of your colleagues saying to their patient... "Stop calling me, I have other patients to take care of too, not only you."

We've all cared for challenging patients in our careers, but we know as professionals, we should never speak crudely or express negative emotions or thoughts to our patients.

In this month's volume of the [Journal of Nursing](#), Nurse Educator and Author, Mickey Bladh, reflects on this incidence that she observed whilst at work and how she began to notice other interactions within her hospital setting that demonstrated a lack of professional etiquette.

Read the [full article](#) which reviews basic guidelines for professional nurses as that demonstrate the artful application of nurse-to-patient etiquette.



CIAP Tips & Tricks — Clinical Equipment User Manual

The [Clinical Equipment User Manual Library](#) is an initiative of [BioClinical Services](#) which aims to assist medical, clinical, and nursing staff in improving patient safety and reducing user related errors.

The library allows you to select the make or brand; find the relevant device; download the manual from the search results; and provides you with operating instructions, troubleshooting guides, recalls, and alerts about a particular device.

It also has a document request whereby you can seek a manual and BioClinical Services will contact the manufacturer on your behalf.

To use the [Clinical Equipment User Manual Library](#) and various other apparatus available, go to CIAP's left hand navigation menu and click on 'Tools'.



CIAP App Spotlight — Eye Emergency Manual



The [Eye Emergency Manual](#) app provides a quick and simple guide to recognising important signs and symptoms, and management of common eye emergencies.

The content within this app was developed by ophthalmic and emergency clinicians of the [NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation](#) (ACI).

The Eye Emergency Manual is available from the App Store as well as the Google Play Store.

For more information, visit CIAP's [Mobile Help](#) page

Have your say on eHealth NSW's new investments

The Chief Clinical Information Officer for eHealth NSW, Dr John Lambert, is holding the next Clinical Engagement Forum at Wollongong Hospital on September 20th via [live video web stream](#), giving NSW Health clinicians the opportunity to have their say about the digital tools they use to care for patients.

This Forum will reveal how eHealth NSW plans to invest some of the recently secured \$536m funding into optimising the Electronic Medical Record (eMR) for NSW Health. Participants can attend in person or via the live video stream, and can submit questions and comments in real time via the [Slido](#) audience participation platform.

You can find more information and register [here](#), and you can access video recordings of all previous Forums [here](#).



We'd love to hear from you...

[Tell us](#) what we should discuss in the upcoming CIAP newsletters.

Upcoming CIAP Events

Live online Training

3 September | 09:00-10:00
Introduction to Ovid

19 September | 14:30-15:30
CIAP Essentials

[Register Here](#)

Workshops

13 September | Medicines Information
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

31 October | Evidence-Based Practice
Wollongong Hospital

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In-services

25 September | CIAP Essentials
Manning Hospital

26 September | CIAP Essentials
Kempsey District Hospital

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