

CIAP News September 2026: Learn Isabel, Clinical Skills Videos, Virtual Reality in Training, and more.



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CIAP Newsletter

Upcoming: Paediatrics Point of Care Resources CIAP Training Workshop

When: Wednesday 16 September 2026 08:30am - 11:30am

Where: ONLINE (MS Teams)

New Resource Demonstrations Including: NeoFax, The Women's Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Medicines Guide, Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference, Stockley's Drug Interactions, AccessPediatrics, and more.

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Program

Learn Isabel: Make Differential Diagnosis Easier with Isabel at your fingertips!



- **Thursday 10 September**
- 09.30-10.00AM
- Where: Virtual (MS Teams)

- **Thursday 17 September**
- 09.30-10.00AM
- Where: Virtual (MS Teams)

- **Wednesday 23 September**
- 09.30-10.00AM
- Where: Virtual (MS Teams)

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[Isabel](#) is a differential diagnosis tool accessible within DynaMed, which allows clinicians to input patient details, an extensive range of symptoms, and geographical context. It generates a ranked list of potential diagnoses based on matching characteristics, highlighting likelihood indicators and key red flags. Results can be filtered by red flags, and by body systems. Also check the 'drugs' tab for side effects causing symptoms. Access to knowledge from textbooks, journals, and guidelines provided for each diagnosis. Each condition links directly to relevant DynaMed content for further guidance on management and clinical decision-making.

Step1: Clinical features

Clinical features ⓘ
Age of the patient *

Please Select

Patient's sex at birth

Female
Male

Patient's travel history

Australasia

Enter abnormal clinical features in free text
OR select from list. NO negatives:

Enter your symptom e.g. chest pain
+

Get Checklist
Clear

DynaMed®
For Evidence Based Knowledge

Search Dynamed

Search

Isabel
For Knowledge Search

Enter keywords

Search

[Click here to try Isabel.](#)

What's The Diagnosis?



A life-threatening, rapidly progressive, debilitating soft tissue infection that spreads along the fascial planes leading to necrosis of the superficial fascia and requires immediate medical and surgical intervention.

- Pain out of proportion to the exam or beyond the confines of skin erythema (often one of the earliest signs)
- Bullae or cutaneous necrosis
- Tense edema, extending beyond the margins of erythema
- Gas in subcutaneous tissue
- Loss of sensation of the affected area
- Signs of systemic toxicity
- Rapid progression of erythema or other skin changes despite antimicrobial therapy

Enter symptoms into differential diagnosis tool Isabel to generate a list of ranked diagnoses and find the answer!

Learn more about this condition with [DynaMed!](#)

Find the answer quickly with [Isabel!](#)

severe leg pain

fever

cellulitis

erythema of the lower leg

+

Enter your symptoms

Get Checklist
Clear

Access provided by CIAP.

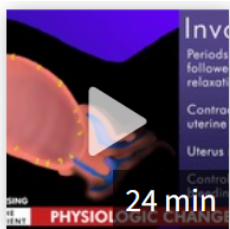
Watch: Clinical Nursing Skills Videos on ProQuest One Health and Nursing



Caring for the Postpartum Patient

Assisted Delivery and C-Section

Complications of Pregnancy



Find more clinical skills videos in the [Nursing & Allied Health Collection](#) on ProQuest One Health and Nursing.

Virtual Reality Simulation in Disaster Nursing Education and Training

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With the continuous development of Virtual Reality (VR) technology, scholars around the world have increasingly focused on its impact on nursing education. Compared to traditional face-to-face instruction and conventional high-fidelity simulations, VR technology is less affected by factors such as instructor availability and the teaching environment. It provides nursing students with more opportunities to engage with various clinical cases and operational skills in a relatively safe setting. For instance, highly realistic simulation environments enable nursing students to practice both clinical skills and procedures related to rare medical cases.

Students can also access these VR environments and practice repeatedly at their convenience. Additionally, this immersive learning experience can enhance nursing students' confidence and competence in managing such cases. Furthermore, VR technology can offer specialised training opportunities for advanced skills, such as defibrillation, ventilator operation and the placement of Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters (PICC), Central Venous Catheters (CVC), among others. This not only reduces educational costs but also provides students with more practical training, enabling them to better master clinical skills and improve patient outcomes. Moreover, by creating virtual classrooms that closely resemble real-life settings, VR technology facilitates remote learning opportunities for nursing students during exceptional circumstances, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, addressing the challenge of limited access to real patients and clinical environments for certain types of training.

Read more of this study in the [Journal of Clinical Nursing](#).

Upcoming CIAP Events

Paediatrics Point of Care Resources Workshop

16 September 2026 08:30am-11:30am
Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

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CIAP Evidence-Based Practice & Database Searching Workshop

15 October 2026 08:30am-12:00pm
Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

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