Reviewer’s report

Title: Neonatal extravasation injury: Prevention and management in Australia and New Zealand - A survey of current practice

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The authors surveyed 27 Australian and new Zealand NICUs (96% of the total) on prevention and management of neonatal extravasation injury (EI). They tapped the abundant literature on this subject to design an appropriate questionnaire which was filled in by the NICUs clinical directors. The responses showed that EI is well-recognized and that ~2/3 of the units have treatment protocols in place. EI is very well recognized worldwide and the author’s experience is consistent with the very stringent practices for preventing and treating it. As a result, severe untoward sequelae are very rare. The medico-legal ramifications that underlie less than meticulous care of neonates with suspected or confirmed EI are such that it is virtually unthinkable not to have and follow a protocol for managing them.

As the title states, this submission is an observation of current local practice and, as such, might be of interest to LOCAL readers.

Insofar as it neither contributes any new information nor novel ideas, it would appear that its sole value is to once again raise the level of awareness of its existence.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests