

The QTC

Christmas Special

The chances of a white Christmas are 1 in 10 for England & Wales, 1 in 6 for Scotland & NI

Welcome

December is here already and Christmas parties will soon be starting. Well done and thank you to everyone's hard work this year in keeping our patients and staff as safe as possible. A particular thank you for everyone that is working over the Christmas and New Year period to keep our services going throughout the festive season. To help kick off the fun season we have a QTC crossword Competition for you!! Think safety and about everything the QTC has taught you.

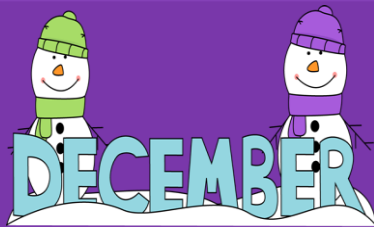
SAFETY ALERT

- ✚ Bleeds for arteriovenous fistulas and grafts
AVF and AVG can result in major haemorrhage and has resulted in death as a result. Treat such bleeds as a major haemorrhage and do not send the patient home.
[Resources to support management of life threatening bleeds from arteriovenous fistulae and grafts | NHS Improvement](#)
- ✚ Management of Hyperkalaemia
Hyperkalaemia is high potassium in the blood and is potentially a life threatening emergency which can be corrected.
<https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/resources-to-support-safe-and-timely-management-of-hyperkalaemia>

Christmas Crossword

First 3 completely correct back to me win a prize! 😊
Teamwork might be a good way forward?!

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Before Turkey, the traditional Christmas meal in England was pig's head and mustard

Crossword Clues – Across

1. Invasive procedure on the wrong patient or at the wrong site? Never! (5,4,7)
8. The reason we report and review incidents is so that we can do this life long (5)
11. Winter is so depressing (3)
12. Equipment used for a patient in VF (13)
16. Number of Never Events 'allowed' per year (4)
17. 3.14 (2)
18. Theater – so American! (2)
19. The heart's natural pacemaker (2)
20. Up and on (4)
22. Serious Incident declared? You know what comes next! (3)
23. Overdose of this drug due to abbreviations or incorrect devices is a Never Event (7)
25. Patient deteriorated and need an outreach type service? You know who to call! (3)
26. An expert (3)
27. National score gives you a speedy prompt (2)
29. Speciality doctors including associated specialist and staff grades (3)
30. Need to check you've got the right patient? Use this method of patient identification (8)
31. Comes with '8 R's of administration (10)
34. Lignocaine, Bupivacaine, Prilocaine for example (2)
35. Time of repentance and preparation for the High Holy Days (4)
37. Two heads are better than one; there's no 'I' here (4)
40. A viral German? (7)
43. Most common cause of a heart attack (3)
44. Top Doctor! (2)
45. Guidelines that can be used to guide treatment and spending within the NHS (4)
46. Let's declare when something significant has gone wrong and needs investigating & reporting (3)
47. Think something is wrong that you're being asked to do? Just decline (2)

Crossword Clues – Across

48. Don't be a clot (3)
49. Common cause of severe allergy (4)
50. Can't get a line in; head for the gun (2)
51. The heart of the NEWS score? (2)
53. A medication controlled by the police? (2)
55. Complete before a critical intervention to improve safety (10)
60. Don't know what to do? (3)
62. Viral hepatitis may cause a surge (3)
63. Who will get there first? (4)
64. Surgical ward? You could be a military reserve (2)
65. Not Vodaphone, Orange or O₂ (2)
67. Quantity of a medicine to be taken (4)
71. Medication used in severe asthma or anaphylaxis (10)
72. Classical site of pain for appendicitis (3)
74. An erosion of the intestinal wall (2)
76. Count those breaths! (2)
77. Let's be honest (4,2,7)
79. And sleep.... (2)
80. We aim to keep our patients free from danger, harm or injury (4)
81. Errors happen if you don't know where this lives or how it works (3)
82. A DVT may result in one of these that may be fatal (2)
83. We're all about this! (6)
85. Don't dish these out like smarties! The stewards will be on to you! (10)
90. Not odd (4)
91. 'Of Quervain' maybe? (2)
94. Shoulder blade (7)
95. Be careful in Richmond park – you might catch this disease! (4)
96. Of the stomach (7)
99. Clues to what might be wrong with a patient (5)
100. Overdose of this drug for non cancer patients is a Never Event (12)
101. Not all testing is done in the lab (3)



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Rudolph's red nose is thought to be the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system

Crossword Clues – Down

1. Knee or hip? Left or right? Does it ever matter? (5,7,2,10)
2. Mistakes should be spoken about (4)
3. A level of consciousness (3)
4. You can classify disease or give the heart a shock (3)
5. Hands up, it went wrong! (5)
6. Exposed to X-rays (8)
7. One detail that can be checked to ensure you have the right patient? Ask politely...otherwise you might get a right rowdy mouthful from the youngsters these days (3)
9. Whose responsibility is it to report incidents and accidents? (3)
10. Mis-selection of a strong solution containing this is a real no no (9)
13. Can cause significant harm. Polypharmacy, sedatives and being over 65 are all risk factors (4)
14. Where oxygenation & ventilation take place (4)
15. Missed the window for the deteriorating patient.... You have now! (8)
17. Which group keep control of incidents, action plans, litigation and complaints? (3)
21. A well written one can be very helpful; a badly written one can contribute to errors (6)
24. This wasn't intentional.... (10)
25. It's good to talk. Incidents are rife with poor examples of this (13)
26. Shockable? No!!! (3)
28. A legal document of a person's wishes for after they die (4)
32. The site where DVTs originate (6)
33. Salty water?! (4)
36. If your patient has this, then you need to take extra special care and attention because the risks are higher (2)
38. An enzyme produced by the liver, heart, kidneys and muscle. Used before Tropics were around! (3)
39. Soft tissues containing actin and myosin (6)
41. Patient on warfarin? Record the dose in the little yellow diary and make that appointment.... (4)

Crossword Clues – Down

42. @ (2)
52. Swollen, painful, warm stiff joints. May be associated with skin nodules. (2)
53. Check this if you think heat stroke or rhabdomyolysis is a possibility (2)
54. Check this before giving any medications (9)
56. Put this in the right place and avoid oesophageal intubation (2)
57. Systems such as this are what make the hospital function (2)
58. A compression stocking or a jolly good talk (3)
59. Some incidents are that little bit more (7)
61. Effective and efficient tool for handover (4)
66. An assessment tool for the withdrawal of alcohol (4)
68. Once a day or taken too many tablets? (2)
69. Occurring unexpectedly or without warning (6)
70. Suggests anaerobic metabolism is going on and can be a marker of critical illness (7)
73. The number of current Never Events (7)
75. Plenty for the obstetric and gynaecology teams (5)
78. A common cause of allergic contact dermatitis (2)
79. Of the bowel (3)
81. The 'normal' projection of a chest X-ray (2)
84. Looking at the hips through a lateral X-ray? Sounds inhumane (4)
86. 'Ye ole gut' (5)
87. Partial arterial obstruction may cause this sound (5)
88. Anaesthetists love a helping hand (3)
89. Milky fatty fluid from the intestine (5)
92. Inflammatory bowel disease may cause the bowel to be huge (4)
93. Have you completed your workshop to raise awareness of prevent? (4)
94. Help (3)
97. Number of immediate actions for a septic patient (3)
98. The report is out... 'Good' marks all round (3)