Your update on published article of interest to nurses working in child health


Hocking MC et al (2015) Family functioning mediates the association between neurocognitive functioning and health-related quality of life in young adult survivors of childhood brain tumors. Journal of Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology. 4, 1, 18-25.


This month we review apps from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

**Drug information**

The British National Formulary for Children (BNFC) app provides easy access to the latest information on drugs for children. It is free to NHS staff, who can download it via their NHS Athens account, which can take up to ten minutes. Search for ‘NICE BNFC’.

From the home page, users can search for drugs by their generic or trade name. Tapping on the formulary tab lists the chapters, from which the subsections can be browsed, in a similar way to using the paper version.

The app is available for Android (v4.0 or higher) and iPhone (iOS 6.1 or higher); while it has not been optimised for use on iPads and other tablets, it is compatible with them.

**Up-to-date guidance**

Another app allows you to explore all guidance from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE). It can be searched by conditions and diseases; treatments, procedures and devices; or by guidance type.

It is easy to use and can be bookmarked for easy access.

The app also includes guidance on medical technology, interventional procedures, public health, good practice guidelines and quality standards.

The guidelines are clearly presented, and there is supporting information on patient-centred care, implementation and research recommendations.

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