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Preface

The Service

The South Thames Retrieval Service (STRS) is a paediatric emergency inter-hospital transfer service for critically ill children. Integrated within the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at the Evelina London Children’s Hospital (ELCH), it operates two retrieval teams 24/7 all year round.

STRS is the hub of a Paediatric Critical Care Network for South London and the South East of England, serving 20 district general hospitals in the region and three network PICUs in South London at the Evelina, St George’s Hospital and Kings College Hospital.

STRS supports the care of children presenting critically ill to their local hospitals from the first referral call until resolution of the case. This support is facilitated through a dedicated phone line. The calls are taken by doctors (PICU fellows) or paediatric critical care retrieval advanced nurse practitioners, who are able to take details of the referral and provide immediate advice to referrers. Calls are then triaged by the responsible retrieval consultant, with additional resuscitation and stabilisation advice to the local team. The STRS team is dispatched to undertake the transfer, as soon as it is ascertained that the child will need ongoing critical care and it is necessary to transfer the child.

Over the past 20 years, STRS has transferred between 500 and 1000 children per annum, rapidly rising from lower levels in the year 2000 to current numbers. This has provided a huge number of interesting and challenging cases of very sick children, many of which are expanded in this book.

The Book

Learning from personal and from other’s experience is a fundamental learning tool in medicine.

The aim of this book is to use challenging cases in the management of critically ill children, from presentation to transfer and admission to PICU to identify key learning from others’ experience. It provides an opportunity to participate in the resuscitation, stabilisation and transfer virtually, without the stress associated with having the critically ill child and distressed family in front of you. It provides an opportunity to consider how you would have done things, perhaps differently, and review what was done. It has the benefit of seeing the case through from start to finish, so that personal management strategies applied can be reviewed without impact to the child. It also gives opportunity to learn from the good practice or insight of others and to take this learning forward, to ensure that the next child with similar presentation has the best outcome.
Abbreviations

(D+) HUS Diarrhoea positive haemolytic uraemic syndrome
AKI Acute kidney injury
ALL Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia
ALT Alanine aminotransferase
AML Acute myeloid leukaemia
APLS Advanced Paediatric Life Support
APTT Activated partial thromboplastin time
APTTTR Activated partial thromboplastin time ratio
ARDS Acute respiratory distress syndrome
ASD Atrial septal defect
AV Atrioventricular
AVNRT Atrioventricular node re-entry tachycardia
AVPU Alert, verbal, pain, unresponsive
AVRT AV re-entry tachycardia
BE Base excess
BNP Brain natriuretic peptide
BP Blood pressure
BPD Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
Bpm Beat per minutes
BSPED British Society of Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes
BTS British Thoracic Society
BVM Bag valve mask ventilation
CATS Children’s Acute Transport Service
CDH Congenital diaphragmatic hernia
CHD Congenital heart disease
CNS Central nervous system
CO Cardiac output
CPAP Continuous positive airway pressure
CPAP/BiPAP Continuous/bilevel positive airway pressure
CPR Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CRP C-reactive protein
CrUSG Cranial ultrasound
CSF Cerebrospinal fluid
CT Computed tomography
CVVH Continuous veno-venous haemofiltration
CXR Chest X-ray/radiograph
DBD Donation after brain death
DCD Donation following circulatory death
DGH District general hospital
DKA Diabetic ketoacidosis
DNAR Do not attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation
DOPES Displacement, obstruction, pneumothorax, equipment, stomach
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<td>Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy</td>
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<td>PICU</td>
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<td>PIM-TS</td>
<td>Paediatric Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome – Temporally Associated with SARS-CoV-2</td>
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<td>POCUS</td>
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<td>PT</td>
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<td>PEA</td>
<td>Pulseless electrical activity</td>
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<td>PVL</td>
<td>Panton-Valentine Leukocidin</td>
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<td>RBC</td>
<td>Red blood cells</td>
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<td>RCPCP</td>
<td>Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health</td>
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<td>RICP</td>
<td>Raised intracranial pressure</td>
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<td>ROSC</td>
<td>Return of spontaneous circulation</td>
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<td>RR</td>
<td>Respiratory rate</td>
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<td>Sinoatrial</td>
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<td>SaO₂</td>
<td>Arterial oxygen saturation</td>
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<td>SCIWARA</td>
<td>Spinal cord injury without radiological abnormality</td>
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<td>SCUBU</td>
<td>Special Care Baby Unit</td>
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<td>SIRS</td>
<td>Systemic inflammatory response syndrome</td>
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<td>SMA</td>
<td>Spinal muscular atrophy</td>
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<td>SNOD</td>
<td>Senior Nurses in Organ Donation</td>
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<td>SOFA</td>
<td>Sequential (or sepsis-related) organ failure assessment</td>
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<td>TAPVD</td>
<td>Total anomalous pulmonary venous drainage</td>
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<td>Transposition of the great arteries</td>
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