

**Question:** Does your Canadian ED have a computer system for tracking patient visits to analyze length of stay and acuity?

**Response:** 31% said Yes.

**Q:** Do your emergency physicians see regular reports documenting length of stay and acuity profiles for the patient visits to your Canadian ED?

**R:** 9% said Yes.

**Q:** Are you using the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale in your Canadian ED?

**R:** 50% said Yes.

**Q:** Do you have a current Disaster Plan in your Canadian ED?

**R:** 86% said Yes.

**Q:** Do you currently use low molecular weight heparins in your ED for the treatment of acute coronary syndromes?

**R:** 15% said Yes.

**Q:** Do you currently use low molecular weight heparins in your ED for the treatment of deep venous thrombosis?

**R:** 95% said Yes.

**Q:** Do you believe the choice of thrombolytic for acute myocardial infarction has been clarified sufficiently?

**R:** 51% said Yes.

**Q:** Are you using ketamine for pediatric sedation in your Canadian ED?

**R:** 41% said Yes.

And last, I'd like to mention our

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## Health's Angels?

Vernon, BC, like every other Canadian community, has experienced health care cutbacks and budget shortfalls. Facing the need for new cardiac monitoring equipment, most physicians would launch a bake sale or, perhaps, sell chocolates door-to-door. But not Vernon Jubilee Hospital's docs. One of Vernon's local family physicians, Bill Sanders, decided an off-the-wall (no pun intended) calendar was the way to go.

Vernon Jubilee's ED is represented in the calendar's "Health's Angels" photo, entitled "Rebels without a gauze: ER staff ready for some R&R." The photo proving to be most popular is a shot of three docs' backsides (each doc wearing a hospital gown open at the back). The caption reads: "Say No to crack."

The goal was to raise \$25,000. As of mid-December, the Vernon med-



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"Health's Angels," L to R: Dr. Nick Balfour (ring leader), nurses Suzanne Bailey, Sandi Zimmerman, Valaine Anonson, Janet Dawson, Brenda Gilroy and Verena Semeniuk, and Dr. Frank Ballauf.

ical community had raised \$30,000 beyond their initial production costs. For a calendar, contact: Derek Hall, Director of Development, Vernon Jubilee Hospital Foundation, 2101-

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