



Indigenous Health Incentive & Cultural Awareness Training

Has your practice registered for the Indigenous Health PIP? Have your staff undertaken the Cultural Awareness Training yet?

Practices registered for the PIP Indigenous Health Incentive must undertake cultural awareness training by at least two staff (one of whom must be a GP) within 12 months of joining the Incentive.

For further information or to register your interest in a face-to-face cultural awareness session please contact:

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Templates

New templates available at our website include:

- RHH Cardiology Request
- Nurse Led Memory Clinics
- TasCarepoint (Minor update)

They can be downloaded from our templates section here:

www.gpsouth.com.au/infom.html#Templates

RHH Messages

There are now 33 practices getting their RHH notification messages delivered straight to the doctors results in Medical Director or Best Practice. If you are getting yours via email, or even fax, this is a much more efficient way to do things. Please call Ian McKnight if you have any questions or want to get things changed.

Nurse-Led Memory Clinic Research Project - open for referrals

An innovative "Memory Clinic" is now open at the Menzies Research Institute Tasmania allowing Nurse Practitioner, Hazel Ryan, to provide comprehensive assessments and therapeutic interventions for people with memory loss and dementia.

The project will offer a two-visit model and retain a primary health care focus by ensuring that General Practitioners remain part of the diagnostic process of people with memory loss or dementia.

If clients are interested in accessing this free and confidential service and supporting this research, you can advise them that they can either refer themselves to the clinic or be referred by their GP (A referral template is available on the Division's website under 'Other Items' at www.gpsouth.com.au/infom.html#emplates).

Following the initial assessment, a personalised plan will be prepared for those with identified cognitive deficits.

For further information contact:

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medicare

MBS Changes effective 1 July 2011

Additional item numbers for general practice:

139 GP consultation for assessment, diagnosis and development of a Treatment and Management Plan for a child with an eligible disability – this initiative covers early intervention services for children with autism, pervasive developmental disorder or disability.

2100 – 2220 Telehealth - GP attendances in consulting rooms and residential aged care facilities

10983 and **10984** – Telehealth – PN involvement

For more information see the Medicare Benefits Schedule Summary of Changes at MBS On-line or at the link on the General Practice South website under Practice Support > Medicare.

Immunisation grants program launches to improve adult health in local Australian communities



GlaxoSmithKline has launched its fourth Adult Immunisation Grants program for healthcare professionals working in immunisation.

The grants are designed to support innovation in adult immunisation by improving the awareness of, access to, and implementation of adult immunisation. Four GlaxoSmithKline Adult Immunisation Grants of \$20,000 will be awarded. Immunisation proposals should be innovative projects that aim to meet one or more of the following judging criteria:

- improving awareness/education of the benefits of immunisation,
- improving immunisation practice and/or immunisation management; and
- improving access to immunisation in a specific disease area or patient population.

Closing date for grant submissions is 12 September 2011. Potential applicants can visit the GSK Adult Immunisation Grants website for more details and to submit their proposal: www.gsk.com.au/adultimmunisationgrants

National Diabetes Week 2011



10 July – 16 July

Introduction of Prevenar 13 on to the National Immunisation Program

From 1 July 2011, Prevenar 13 will replace Prevenar 7 for children aged 2, 4 and 6 months of age. This new vaccine provides protection against 6 additional serotypes of pneumococcus. Children who have commenced their immunisation schedule using Prevenar 7 can complete it using Prevenar 13 with no catch-up doses required.

Providers of the new vaccine should note that the vial requires vigorous shaking prior to administration.

Prevenar 13 is now available for delivery. Please ensure that you have placed an order with the Communicable Diseases Prevention Unit for this vaccine, and discard stocks of Prevenar 7 held in your fridge beyond 1 July 2011 as medical waste.

Please ensure that a Discarded Vaccine Form is completed and faxed to the Communicable Diseases Prevention Unit on 6222 7668 when discarding this stock. Please contact the Communicable Disease Prevention Unit if you require more information by phoning 6222 7724 or 1800 671 738.

Influenza vaccine brochures in 15 languages

Seasonal influenza vaccine brochures are now available on the Immunise Australia Program website in 15 languages other than English. To download the PDF brochures, visit www.immunise.health.gov.au.

Practice Nurse Incentive Payments – information on changes is now available

The Practice Nurse Incentive Program will start on 1 January 2012. The purpose of this new funding is to allow greater opportunities for nurses and practices to deliver care to patients. Practices will be able to apply for the PNIP from 1 October 2011 when application forms will become available from the Medicare website.

A detailed fact sheet can be found on the General Practice South website: www.gpsouth.com.au on both the Nursing in General Practice page as well as the Practice Support page.

APNA Conference presentations now available

On the 7th – 9th of April APNA held its annual conference “Roadmap for the Future – Great Expectations” at the Hilton Hotel in Sydney.

A number of interesting presentations were delivered at this conference, including palliative care, mental health, triage, cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, diabetes management, COPD management, men’s health, cervical screening and much more.

Many of these presentations are now available on the APNA website www.apna.asn.au Events > APNA National Conference > APNA National conference > Presentations.

APNA Online Learning

The courses listed below can be accessed at

www.apna.asn.au/onlinelearning



Influenza Prevention (free)

This interactive online learning course has been designed to provide GPs and nurses with concise, practice-based information to support the safe administration of influenza vaccines to individuals ≥6 months of age. By increasing vaccination rates, this program aims to reduce the burden of influenza in the community. The information contained in this course is aligned with recommendations in the Australian Immunisation Handbook, 9th edition, 2008.

Duration: approx 1.5 hours / 1.5 CPD hours.

Diabetes Management in the Primary Care Setting Unit 1 - Introduction to Diabetes

This course has been designed for those who have identified a need to update or increase their diabetes and diabetes management knowledge. Unit 1 will provide nurses with a basic understanding of the disease and its impact on the individual and the broader community.

This unit will provide the minimum diabetes specific knowledge needed to support provision of quality care to the person with diabetes and their families and carers. Unit 1 contains 7 Modules plus assessment. Each Module should take around 2 hours to complete.

Total: 16 CPD Hours. APNA Members \$320

Mental Health Education for Practice Nurses

Mental Health 1

This module is the first part of a 2 module course which is designed to develop the mental health literacy of nurses working in the general practice setting so they can undertake basic risk assessment with clients who have mental health problems, communicate with patients who may be mentally ill and make the appropriate referrals to a GP or mental health service.

Duration: approx 2 hours / 2 CPD hours

Mental Health 2

This module is the second part of a 2 module course for nurses in the general practice setting. It focuses on the role of the various members of the mental health team, mental disorders, mental health problems and issues of early intervention – assisting clients to achieve and maintain good mental health.

Duration: approx 2 hours / 2 CPD hours.

CHANGE OF DATE

...for next Practice Manager Network Meeting

Please note the next meeting will be held on 17 August (moved from 10 August).



Upcoming Events

Meeting Topic	Coordinator	Venue	Date & Time
Front Desk Staff Orientation	Pip Scholten	Seminar Room, General Practice South	Mon 11 July 9.00am - 5.00pm
			Tue 12 July 9.00am - 5.00pm
The CENTRE'd Model	Margaret Clarke	Seminar Room, General Practice South	Tue 12 July 6.30pm - 9.00pm
			Tue 26 July 6.30pm - 9.00pm