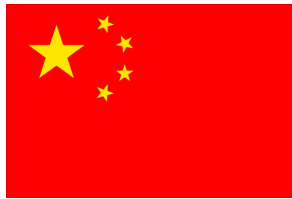




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Visiting Chinese Doctors

General Practice South is hosting a second group of Chinese doctors from Shenzhen from 5th to the 16th September.

Visits have been organized to a number of general practices, as well as the Heart Foundation, Calvary Hospital & the Medical School, UTAS.

If you are interested in being involved, please contact Pip on 6208 7300.

Community and Primary Health Care Nursing Conference 2011 to be held in Hobart

Leading the way to local care

The Community and Primary Health Care Nursing Conference (CPHCNC) aims to profile nurses and midwives working at the forefront of community and primary health care and across all primary health care settings. More importantly, the conference will reach those leading the way, bringing a diversity of care that is unique from other professions in primary health care.

This conference will bring together nurses working across the many areas of community and primary health care to examine opportunities in the delivery of primary health care.

When: 19-21 October 2011

Where: Wrest Point Conference Centre, Hobart

Registration:

www.rcna.org.au/conferences/cphnc/registration

Launch of www.whoopingcough.com.au

With more notifications of whooping cough in Australia than ever before (fifty-one per cent higher than 2010 YTD), the need for comprehensive and up-to-date information about whooping cough is critical.

The website has been developed by vaccines manufacturer Sanofi Pasteur and offers easy access to information for new parents or other close contacts of a newborn who have questions about how to prevent whooping cough.

Lulu Books and Cards

Recently the Communicable Disease Prevention Unit (CDPU) at the DHHS printed a range of children's booklets and birthday cards to support childhood vaccinations.

Nurses attending the Healthy Kids Check session and the Immunisation Day will have already seen these resources. There are still plenty of all resources available and if you would like some for your practice, please call Tim Stewart at the DHHS on 6222 7666 or email tim.stewart@dhhs.tas.gov.au

Referral letters to specialists for a patient registered for Closing the Gap PBS co-payment

When referring patients registered for PBS co-payment the specialist needs to be advised that any scripts need to be annotated accordingly.

This can be done within Medical Director by setting up the following paragraph as an "autotext" entry that can be inserted into the referral letter with a couple of keystrokes:

*Please note: <<Patient Demographics:First Name>> is registered for **Closing the Gap**, the Indigenous Chronic Disease Package - PBS Copayment Measure. Please ensure all scripts for PBS medicines for this patient are annotated with the letters **CTG** together with **your signature** next to the patient's name. Thank you.*

This functionality can also be set up in the Best Practice program, under the *Insert..Autofill* menu within the word processor.

Another option is to install CTG Specialist referral templates that will include the paragraph automatically. These can be downloaded from our website, at www.gpsouth.com.au/aboriginal.html

Diabetes Management in General Practice 2011/12

The 2011/12 edition of Diabetes Management in General Practice is now available. The guidelines are available to download on the RACGP website at www.racgp.org.au/guidelines/diabetes

Australian Point of Care Practitioners' Network (APPN)



The Australian Point of Care Practitioners' Network (APPN)

provides on-line training, certification and professional development for all Point of Care Testing (PoCT) operators. The program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.

It is free to register on the APPN website (www.appn.net.au) which gives access to useful resources such as:

- Information on sample collection – arterial, venous and capillary
- Forms for documentation
- Clinical and technical resources on anticoagulation INR, Diabetes and Lipids including on-line training videos and clinical presentations
- On-line competencies for all modules developed and very shortly CPD points for GP's and Nurses.

The APPN also provides a telephone help line to assist you with any queries you may have on PoCT.

Phone (08) 8201 7843 or (08) 8201 7845 between 9:00am–5:00pm (CST).

DVA Coordinated Veterans' Care (CVC) Program

The Coordinated Veterans' Care Program (CVC) is a new way for primary health care providers to help Australia's veterans who have chronic conditions or complex health needs to better manage their care and help them to avoid an unnecessary visit to hospital. The CVC Program provides ongoing, planned and coordinated primary and community care, led by a general practitioner with a nurse coordinator, to eligible Gold Card holders.

By participating in the program, GPs can claim the following payments through existing payment arrangements with Medicare Australia:

- Initial Incentive Payment for enrolling a participant in the program
- Quarterly Care Payments for ongoing care.

	Initial Incentive Payment		Quarterly Care Payments		Total year 1	Total year 2 onward
	\$	Item #	\$	Item #		
GP with practice nurse	\$400.00	UP01	\$417.50	UP03	\$2070	\$1670
GP without practice nurse	\$250.00	UP02	\$187.50	UP04	\$1000	\$750

"A Guide for General Practice" has been developed to help with the implementation of the Coordinated Veterans' Program. This resource and other information can be found under "resources" at: www.cvcprogram.net.au

Reporting of Prevenar 13® on ACIR

Until such time as the Medical Software companies provide a patch replacing Prevenar 7® with Prevenar 13®, it will be necessary to select Prevenar 13® from the "other vaccines" list in your software. Please ensure that you are reporting doses of Prevenar 13® to the ACIR.

Supplementary Dose of Prevenar 13®

From 1 October 2011, children aged between 12 – 35 months (i.e. until their 3rd birthday) who have received a full course of Prevenar 7® will be eligible for a single supplementary dose of Prevenar 13®.

As the supplementary dose of Prevenar 13® will only be available for a 12 month period, it is important to recall eligible children as soon as possible.

* Please note – a single dose only is required for children of this age to ensure adequate protection against the 6 additional serogroups contained in Prevenar 13®.

DHHS Immunisation Website

The Immunisation section of the Department of Health and Human Services website is under review. As part of the review a new Bulletin Board section has been added. The Bulletin Board will contain information on new programs and answers to questions the Communicable Diseases Prevention Unit are frequently asked by immunisation providers. The web link for this site is:

www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/peh/immunisation/bulletin_board

Healthy Kids Checks Resources

General Practice New South Wales have put together a list of resources to support general practices undertaking Healthy Kids Checks. These resources include testing a 4 year old's vision, hearing, development, among many others.

The link to this list of resources can be found on the "Nursing" page of the General Practice South website:

www.gpsouth.com.au



Upcoming Events

Meeting Topic	Coordinator	Venue	Date & Time
Practice Nurse Network Meeting (Connie Alomes & Leesa Buries)	Margaret Clarke	Seminar Room, GP South	Tues 20 Sept 6.30pm - 9.00pm
cdmNet Information Evening	Margaret Clarke	Seminar Room, GP South	Tues 27 Sept 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Information Management update

Templates

There have been some new templates uploaded to our Information Management page recently.

They include:

- RHH Clinics (Minor Update)
- TasCarepoint (Minor Update)
- Nurse Led Memory Clinic
- Calvary Respiratory Function unit
- Gastroenterology Tasmania
- Patient Partner Program (details coming soon!)

The templates can be downloaded from:

www.gpsouth.com.au/infom.html#templates, and as always please contact Ian McKnight if you have any queries or would like a template created.

Telehealth

After the introduction of the Telehealth item numbers in July, we have received queries regarding which specialists are available for Telehealth consultations. To this end we have recently met with the Telehealth team at the DHHS. In the near future we will be able to make a document available which will outline in simple terms, some of the ways in which GPs will be able to participate in Telehealth consultations with public specialists. Additionally we hope to provide in the future a directory of which specialists are available for these consultations.

The RACGP is undertaking work on an addendum to the 4th Edition *Standards for General Practice*, which will cover Telehealth. In the meantime they have issued a guidelines document which can be downloaded from the Information Management page at the GP south website, or directly here: www.racgp.org.au/telehealth. They have also set up a Telehealth hotline on **1800 257 053**.

If you have any questions regarding local Telehealth issues, please give Ian McKnight or Tony Cooper a call at General Practice South on 6208 7300.