



Weekly Fax
Thursday 11th March, 2010

Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

MIND THE GAP - EDUCATION WORKSHOP REMINDER

- **March 30th 7pm** - A mental health comorbidity workshop held at MGSM, North Ryde
- To register please contact **Robi Greaves** by email robi@gpnn.org.au or phone **9477 8700**

GP NETWORK NORTHSIDE WEBSITE

- Have you visited the GPNN website lately?
- We aim to provide you with immediate access to all the latest information, to assist you in running your busy general practice
- Practices seeking staff can advertise positions vacant in our Classifieds
- Individuals seeking work can post in the Work Wanted section of the Classifieds
- Visit us at www.gpnn.org.au

GPS TO JOIN THE 2010 MEDICAL OBSERVER MAGAZINE ADVISORY PANEL

- The panel involves 2-3 meetings with the editorial team over dinner at Milsons restaurant in Kirribilli
- GPs are paid an annual honorarium for their participation.
- If you are interested please phone **Dr Libby Harris** on **(02) 9902 7861** or email libby.harris@medobs.com.au including your year of graduation and whether your practice is solo or a group and a brief statement explaining why you'd like to join the panel

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING – GET PAID TO SHARE YOUR VIEWS!

- This study is being conducted by GP/primary care clinicians/researchers at the Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity at University of NSW
- We are recruiting GPs for face-to-face interviews as part of our study on Advance Care Planning
- Interviews will take 45-60 minutes
- Questions will explore GP's understanding and views on Advance Care Planning
- Participating GPs will also be asked to help in recruiting one patient, and one family member of a patient for further interviews on Advance Care Planning
- Honorarium of \$150 will be offered to participating GPs in appreciation of their time
- All information gathered will be de-identified to protect the identity of participants
- From 22/3/10 contact Dr Joel Rhee on 0405 355 125 or j.rhee@unswalumni.com for more information

FREE BREASTSCREENING AT LINDFIELD

- BreastScreen NSW has a new screening site in Lindfield which has replaced the Chatswood site.
- BreastScreen NSW offers a free breast screening service for women over 40 with priority given to women aged 50 to 69 years.
- To make an appointment, please call 13 20 50. For more information, please visit www.bsnsw.org.au

ALCOHOL GUIDELINES

- The Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) has released updated Guidelines for the Treatment of Alcohol Problems and an accompanying Quick Reference Guide.
- These resources are available online at www.health.gov.au/internet/alcohol/publishing.nsf/Content/treat-guide
- Hard copies of the guidelines may be ordered from DoHA by phone 6269 1080 or by email health@nationalmailing.com.au. Please quote publication number AAG07

GP PSYCH SUPPORT

- GP Psych Support is a service funded by the Department of Health and Ageing which provides GPs with patient management advice from psychiatrists within 24 hours.
- To access GP Psych Support:
 - **Phone:** 1800 200 588. You will be asked some brief questions concerning your enquiry and a psychiatrist will call you back within 24 hours.
 - **Fax:** 1800 012 422. Using the GP Psych Support faxback form, giving details of the issue for discussion. A psychiatrist will then fax or phone you to discuss case details. To obtain the faxback form visit www.psychsupport.com.au
 - **Website:** Access www.psychsupport.com.au the secure and password protected website. Log in and submit your questions online. The psychiatrist's response will be made available to you on the website. To obtain a username and password, phone 1800 200 588