



Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

NEW FUNDING AVAILABLE – ATAPS

- GP Network Northside is currently accepting GP referrals to the ATAPS program
- Referrals will be capped at 40 per month and allocated on a first come first served basis
- For more information please visit our website www.gpnn.org.au or phone **9477 8700**

**DO YOU HAVE ANY PATIENTS EXPERIENCING ANTENATAL OR POSTNATAL DEPRESSION?
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED ATAPS?**

- GPNN is currently accepting ATAPS referrals under the National Perinatal Depression Initiative, for patients diagnosed with perinatal (antenatal or postnatal) depression
- Referrals are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis
- For more information please visit our website www.gpnn.org.au or phone **9477 8700**

CHANGES TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE MBS ITEMS

- New, more detailed information about the MBS items which will be available as of 1 May 2010, has been published by the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA)
- Go to www.health.gov.au/mbsprimarycareitems then 'Information about MBS items changing'
- The previously published 'Fact Sheet for GPs' and 'Questions and Answers' also provides clear information on which items are being changed and merged for simplification
- DoHA stated that the MBS Explanatory Notes will be available at www.health.gov.au/MBSONline in mid to late April
- Contact your **Practice Support Officer** on **9477 8700** if you have any further queries

NOMINATION OF A DIRECTOR FROM THE GENERAL PRACTICE CLASS TO NPS BOARD

- NPS is seeking nominations from the General Practice Class for position of Director on their Board of Directors
- Nominations must clearly demonstrate how the candidate meets the selection criteria for this position as nominees will be shortlisted against these criteria. Nominations must be received by 5pm on Thursday 29 April 2010
- For more information or for a copy of the selection criteria and the process of nominating please contact **Ben Wilson** at NPS on **8217 8715**

PRACTICE NURSE ORIENTATION PROGRAM

- General Practice NSW and the Australian General Practice Network are offering an orientation program for nurses new to general practice
- This entry level program is designed for nurses in their first 12 months of working in general practice
- Face to face workshops: 12 & 13 May at Penrith or 9 & 10 June at Liverpool
- **ONLINE:** visit http://elearning.agpn.com.au/orientation_program to access the online program
- **COST:** \$120 for either face to face workshop or online
- Contact your **Practice Support Officer** on **9477 8700** for more information

PALLIATIVE CARE PRESENTATION

- GP NSW, Palliative Care NSW and The Cunningham Centre for Palliative Care are inviting GPs, allied health workers and aged care providers to a presentation on the NHS Gold Standards Framework
- Professor Keri Thomas, National Clinical Lead for the Gold Standards Framework Centre and Hon. Professor End of Life Care, University of Birmingham, will present on a systematic approach to optimising the care for patients nearing the end of life
- **WHEN:** Tuesday 20 April, 3.30pm - 5pm
- **WHERE:** University of Notre Dame, Darlinghurst Campus, 160 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst - Level 3, Room 302
- RSVP to GPNSW by 15 April oknet.healthgrid.com.au/survey/entry.jsp?id=1269418425741