



Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

GPNN SERVICE DIRECTORY LIVE ON THE WEB

- GPNN now has a local Health Service Directory of public & private providers on our website to assist you with finding appropriate local services for your patients
- It includes separate links to the SAN's Specialist Directory and Ryde Hospital & Community Health Services Directory
- Visit www.gpnn.org.au click the Service Directory tab - Search by provider name / service type

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - STUDENT NURSE CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

- Expressions of interest are sought to place 3rd year nursing students, from the Australian Catholic University (ACU), in local general practices for the purpose of gaining clinical experience
- Please see attached flyer for details
- Please fax back completed form to **9477 8799** by Thursday 25th March 2010
- For information contact **Janet Smith** by phone **9477 8700** or email janet@gpnn.org.au

CERVICAL SCREENING CONSUMER CAMPAIGN

- The NSW Cervical Screening Program is currently re-running its successful *Don't Just Sit There* television advertisement
- Hopefully this may prompt patients to seek a Pap Smear
- GPNN currently have stock of the consumer leaflet *When did you last have a Pap Smear?* (which mirrors the advertising message) available in 29 languages
- We can also provide you with copies of the *Early detection is the best prevention consumer brochure*
- Contact your **Practice Support Officer** on **9477 8700** if you wish to receive copies of the brochures and/or if you require any assistance with setting up recall systems for Cervical Screening

CHANGES TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE MBS ITEMS

- The Department of Health and Ageing has published a Fact Sheet and Questions and Answers, to give practices more information regarding the upcoming changes due as of 1 May 2010
- To access to these resources go to www.health.gov.au/mbsprimarycareitems and scroll to the bottom of the page or contact your **Practice Support Officer** on **9477 8700**

PRACSOFT TRAINING

- HCN will be holding a PracSoft training session helpful for Nurses, Receptionists and Doctors.
- **When:** Friday 30 April
- **Cost:** \$200 per person (ex GST, non-refundable), book early to avoid disappointment
- To register for this training please contact **Belinda Grigor at HCN on 9467 6179**

HOME MEDICINES REVIEW (HMR) SEARCH TOOLS TO TARGET SPECIFIC PATIENT GROUPS FOR HMR

- Does your practice have specific patients that may benefit from a HMR?
- Search tools are now available on Medical Director and Best Practice to help search for patients eligible for HMR
- For more information on HMR search tools and information on the HMR process including which patient may benefit from the HMR service, contact the **HMR facilitator** on **9477 8700** or email lara@gpnn.org.au

USE OF BENZODIAZEPINES, ZOLPIDEM AND ZOPICLONE IN INSOMNIA

- The first clinical audit for the May 2010 – April 2011 PIP year
- This clinical audit provides GPs with the opportunity to review their management of patients prescribed a benzodiazepine, zolpidem or zopiclone for insomnia
- Enrol by **Friday 2 April 2010**.
- http://www.nps.org.au/health_professionals/activities
- Initial data collection must be submitted to NPS by Friday 30 April 2010
- This clinical audit activity has been approved by the RACGP QA&CPD Program, total points: 40 (Category 1) and by the ACRRM PD Program for 30 points (extended skills) in the 2008–2010 triennium. Points are awarded only to participants who complete the review phase.



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