



Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

HPV NOTIFICATION PAYMENTS END 31 MARCH 2010

- Time is now running out to receive payments for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations notified to the HPV Vaccination Register
- To ensure GPs receive notification payments for outstanding vaccination data (\$6 per dose notified), notifications must be received by **31 March 2010**.
- GPs must be registered with the HPV Register to receive payments
- For assistance with submission phone your **Practice Support Officer** on **9477 8700**
- To check if notifications have already been received, phone the **HPV Register** on **1800 478 734**

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, accredited general practices for the purpose of gaining clinical experience
- To express interest by Thursday 25th March or for information contact **Janet Smith** by phone **9477 8700** or email janet@gpnn.org.au

A BETTER CHANCE FOR ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG INTERVENTIONS

- Jennie Houseman, a qualified pharmacist with 12+ years experience of working in Opioid Treatment Program and counselling clients with alcohol and other drug issues, has recently taken up the role of GP Liaison Officer (GPLO) for Northern Sydney Area Health Drug and Alcohol Services
- You, the GPs, are the front line, often the only health professional that people consult. Many of these patients don't reach, or think they don't need or deserve specialist services
- Jennie can provide up to date information on drug and alcohol treatments, brief interventions, training, referrals or just a chat
- Contact **Jennie 9906 7083** or **0421 615 484** or email jhouseman@nscchs.health.nsw.gov.au

GPs WANTED

- Regis Ku-ring-gai Gardens Aged Care Facility is looking for GPs to take on resident cases within their facilities. If you are interested in being included on their visiting doctors list phone Beth Sutherland, Residential Services Manager on 02 9476 3499 or email kuringgaigardens@regis.com.au

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES PORTAL AND REGISTER

- A new national Clinical Practice Guidelines Portal was recently launched which provides links to current Australian guidelines. Developed by the National Health and Medical Research Council's National Institute of Clinical Studies, the new national portal is a 'one stop shop' to access guidelines developed during the preceding five years.
- The NHMRC has also developed a national Clinical Practice Guidelines in Development Register which contains information about guidelines that are planned or currently being developed.
- The Portal and Register can be accessed at www.clinicalguidelines.gov.au

'MEDICINES TALK' PATIENT EDUCATION RESOURCE

- Put a copy in your waiting area - a handy newsletter containing information for consumers and consumer groups about using medicines wisely.
- Medicines Talk is published by NPS quarterly, free of charge, on paper and online.
- Visit www.nps.org.au/consumers to be put on the mailing list or to view the online version.



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SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS RESOURCE

- The General Practice working groups of the NSW Sexually Transmissible Infections Programs Unit has developed a resource which instructs patients on self-collection of specimens for STI testing
- Self-collection of specimens by patients can be helpful
- To order the Specimens for STIs tear off pad resource email the amount required and postal address to carolyn.murray@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or fax to 9382 7475.
- Local Area Health Service HIV Program Managers or Sexual Health Services can assist GPs with STI training opportunities and resources, visit The Training Directory www.stipu.nsw.gov.au
- Phone **Carolyn Murray** Project Manager - GP Sexual Health Services on **9382 7458** if you have further inquiries.