



**Weekly News**  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2010

Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

**GPNN CPR WORKSHOP – LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE**

- Presented by Norm Spalding from Medixcare First Aid
- **WHEN:** 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2010
- **TIME:** 7pm Registration for 7.30 workshop commencement
- **WHERE:** Level 2 Conference Room, Sydney Adventist Hospital, Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga
- To register for this workshop please email [robi@gpnn.org.au](mailto:robi@gpnn.org.au) or **fax back** this page to **9477 8799**

• I am a    GP             PRACTICE NURSE             PRACTICE STAFF TEAM MEMBER

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Practice \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure email address is presented for workshop confirmation purposes

Do you have special dietary requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

**CLOSING THE GAP –ABORIGINAL HEALTH– FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & AGEING**

- GPNN's Aboriginal Health Project Officer, Ruby Dykes, will be visiting practices to promote the 'Closing the Gap' program. Ruby is here to assist GPs and practice staff with identifying Aboriginal patients and enhancing their health care in local general practice
- Please contact **Ruby** at GPNN on **9477 8700** or email [ruby@gpnn.org.au](mailto:ruby@gpnn.org.au) for more information or to receive a 'Closing the Gap' information pack

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

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

**NPS RADAR**

- August edition available at [www.nps.org.au/health\\_professionals](http://www.nps.org.au/health_professionals)
- Independent, evidence-based assessment of new drugs, new PBS listings and the latest research for doctors, pharmacists and other health professionals



• Review articles

- ✓ Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors ('gliptins') for type 2 diabetes mellitus
- ✓ Adrenaline autoinjector (Anapen) for acute allergic anaphylaxis
- ✓ Methoxyflurane (Penthrox) for analgesia (doctor's bag listing)
- ✓ Melatonin prolonged-release tablets (Circadin) for primary insomnia in older people

• In brief

- ✓ Paracetamol with caffeine (Panadol Extra) available over the counter from pharmacies
- ✓ PBS listing of extended-release pramipexole (Sifrol ER) for Parkinson's disease
- ✓ Exenatide (Byetta): first in another new class of diabetes drugs
- ✓ Anakinra (Kineret) to be deleted from the PBS
- ✓ Colchicine for acute gout: updated information about dosing and drug interactions

**NEW PACKAGING FOR ROTARIX**

- GSK has advised that the packaging for Rotarix is changing to a new 'squeeze tube' (latex free) and the packaging has been made smaller.
- The formulation and indication have not changed and will continue to be supplied as a 1.5ml liquid suspension and offered as a 2-dose course at 2 months and 4 months of age.
- Distribution is expected to commence this week.
- GSK has developed a brochure that will be provided with each delivery of Rotarix.