



Weekly News

Wednesday, 25th August, 2010

Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

NOW TAKING REFERRALS FOR 'CHOOSE IT! LIVE IT!' – LIFESTYLE MODIFICATION PROGRAM

- To be eligible the patient is between 40-49 years
- The GP undertakes a type 2 diabetes risk evaluation or 45-49 health assessment
- billed as health assessment item 701/703/707/709
- If the patient has scored ≥ 12 on AUSDRISK (but **DOES NOT** have diabetes) they can attend the program for only \$50.00
- Health care and concession card holders may participate in the course for free
- Courses are being commenced in the Hornsby and Beecroft areas
- Patient Referral Pathway Summary (with Questions & Answers), GPNN Patient Information pamphlets and electronic copies of the AUSDRISK and GP Referral Form are available from your PSO (Practice Support Officer) on **9477 8700**

EOI –NOTRE DAME SCHOOL OF NURSING– STUDENT NURSE CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

- EOIs (Expressions of Interest) are sought from practices willing to host a clinical placement for a period of 1 or more weeks between October 18 and November 26, 2010
- A payment of \$49 per student per week is available to participating practices
- Please see the attached EOI form, or contact GPNN **9477 8700** for further details from the University

HEARING AWARENESS WEEK MORNING TEA

- 1 in 6 Australians are deaf or hearing impaired. This year's hearing awareness week includes a morning tea with the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN) to learn about the kinds of technologies available to help people with a hearing impairment, and how ACCAN is working to improve access to these technologies
- **WHEN:** This free morning tea is on **Friday 27 August** from 11.30am – 12.30pm
- **WHERE:** ACCAN, Suite 402, Level 4, 55 Mountain Street, Ultimo
- Hearing loop and Auslan interpreters are available at this event
- RSVP to info@accan.org.au or **phone 9288 4000**

ASTHMA FOUNDATION NSW INHALER TECHNIQUE PRESENTATION

- 1st to the 7th of September is National Asthma Week!
- An inhaler technique presentation tailored for health professionals will be delivered by Associate Professor Helen Reddel, to promote improved asthma management based on practical strategies and research evidence
- **WHEN:** Wednesday 1st September 2010, 6pm refreshments, 6:30pm presentation starts
- **WHERE:** Asthma Foundation NSW level 3, 486 Pacific Highway St Leonards
- RSVP to **Karen Rowberry** before 27th Aug on **9018 0511** or krowberry@asthmafoundation.org.au

SUDDEN HEARING LOSS RESEARCH AT PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL

- The Department of Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine is looking for patients with sudden onset of idiopathic sensorineural hearing loss for a randomised controlled study. Previous trials suggest there may be some benefit, this trial should clearly define how much benefit
- If you see or have seen within the previous two weeks, any adult patient with sudden hearing loss for which there is no obvious cause please contact Mike Bennett at the Prince of Wales Hospital
- Further information and the contact for referral can be made to Associate Professor Mike Bennett by email at m.bennett@unsw.edu.au or mobile **0411 483 491**

NORTH RYDE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CENTRE

- North Ryde Family Relationship Centre, funded by the Federal Government and managed by Relationships Australia, can be a useful referral for information and support about family relationships at all stages this includes: Strengthening family relationships; Helping families stay together; Assisting families through separation
- If you know of someone who could benefit from some help/support, encourage them to phone or drop in
- For more information, including address details, please contact **North Ryde Family Relationship Centre 8874 8088** or visit www.familyrelations.hips.gov.au