



Weekly News
Wednesday, 4th August 2010

Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION FOR UNDER 5 YEAR OLDS

- The Department of Health and Ageing released the following information:
- 'Children under 5 years of age can now be vaccinated against seasonal influenza using Vaxigrip or Influvac....The increase in rates of febrile convulsions has been documented for the 2010 Fluvax and Fluvax Junior.'
- Further information is available on the Immunise Australia website www.immunise.health.gov.au

Medicines Talk – consumer publication

- What is on a PBS script?
- Medicines interactions explained
- Got a cold and feeling lousy?
- Vitamins and minerals are medicines too
- All this information and more is covered in the latest edition of the consumer publication *Medicines Talk*, available from www.nps.org.au – Download a copy for your waiting room

NORTHERN SYDNEY IN-HOME PODIATRY

- Northern Sydney In-Home Podiatry is now available for the lower north shore, Ryde/Hunters Hill and Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai area
- Eligibility criteria include HACC clients who are house-bound and/or have difficulty accessing hospital and community based podiatry services, or carers unable to access in-home respite service
- Client contribution will be \$15.00 with referrals now being accepted
- For further information or to refer please call Coordinator **Naomi Torpy** on **9427 6425** or email ntorpy@lccas.com

GP SHARED ANTENATAL CARE ACTIVE LEARNING MODULE

- This is a three session ALM offering 40 RACGP QA&CPD Points and is open to all GPs to attend
- Interested GPs are welcome to attend Session 1 only and can self notify the RACGP for CPD points
- Session 1 is an Obstetric Update presented by Dr Andrew McLennan and Dr Fergus Scott on Tuesday 10th August 2010 at the Sydney Adventist Hospital
- Please contact **Robi** at GPNN to register for this workshop on **9477 8700** or email robi@gpnn.org.au

GPNN MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

- Membership forms have been sent via mail for the 2010-2011 membership period
- Membership costs only \$55 per annum and entitles GPs to utilise GPNN's website classified advertising and to vote at our AGM
- If you have not yet received your membership form, please contact **Sophie** at GPNN on **9477 8700** or email reception@gpnn.org.au

HOPE HEALTHCARE NOW KNOWN AS HAMMOND CARE HEALTH & HOSPITALS LTD

- This change of name applies to all services operating from Greenwich, Neringah & Braeside Hospitals and Northern Beaches Palliative Care. The corporate structure remains unchanged

CHANGES TO SPECIALIST PALLIATIVE & SUPPORTIVE CARE SERVICES – HAMMOND CARE

- Hammond Care is streamlining referral processes, interdisciplinary assessment and provision of interdisciplinary clinical services for its Specialist Palliative and Supportive Care Services, particularly for non-inpatient and community based services.
- New referrals will now be assessed by an initial triage, undertaken by a Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Consultant, who will prioritise referrals.
- Patients will also have access to pastoral care and diversional therapy and have the opportunity to socialise with other patients in attendance
- For more information contact **Hammond Care** on **1300 426 666**