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MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS NETWORK: A COLLABORATIVE MENTAL HEALTH CARE INITIATIVE

- Offering facilitated workshops for groups of Mental Health Practitioners working under Better Access within the same local area
- Endorsed by the RACGP for QA&CPD Points
- Private practitioners eligible to provide services under Better Access will be remunerated \$150+(GST) for their attendance at one MHPN workshop only
- **When:** Tuesday 23rd February **Time:** 6:15pm – 9:30pm
- Ryde and Surrounding areas venue: The Grand Pittwater Function Centre, NORTH RYDE RSL: **Workshop code is: NSW1792**
- St Ives and Surrounding Areas venue: The Greengate Hotel, KILLARA: **Workshop code: NSW7196**
- To register visit www.mhpn.org.au and quote workshop code for relevant workshop

RACGP MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST COURSE

- The Receptionist Course covers a range of topics relevant for non-medical practice staff to increase administration skills and confidence.
- **Venue:** NSW & ACT Faculty Offices, Level 7, 12 Mount Street, North Sydney
- **Date:** 4th & 5th March 2010
- Contact your **Practice Support Officer at GPNN on 9477 8700** for registration details

CANCER COUNCIL: UNDERSTANDING YOUR RIGHTS AS A CANCER PATIENT OR CARER – IT'S A SHARED JOURNEY

- Bookings are essential as this is a limited seat event
- For further information contact **Nadine Costantini** on Ph: **9334 1868** E: nadinec@nswcc.org.au
- **Date:** February 26, 2010 **Time:** 9.30am – 11.30am **Venue:** Punthill North Shore Apartment Hotels - 472 Pacific Hwy Artarmon

CANCER COUNCIL: PALLIATIVE CARE NEEDS ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT TOOL: PROGRESSIVE DISEASE – CANCER (NAT: PD-C)

- If you would like further information about the tool please contact **Amy Waller**, Centre for Health Research & Psycho-oncology (CHERP) **(02) 4913 8609** or amywaller@newcastle.edu.au
- Summary version of the guidelines and the NAT:PD-C also available at www.newcastle.edu.au/research-centre/cherp/professional-resources
- Online training: www.newcastle.edu.au/research-centre/cherp/can-meet-needs-resource/

POSITIVE LIVING IN AGED CARE AWARDS PROJECT EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

- Seeking a GP with Aged Care involvement to participate in the judging process. The process involves - Reviewing all applications (it is anticipated that there will be a minimum of 25 applications) - these will be forwarded to the members of the panel by Friday 9th July
- Participation in the prejudging teleconference on 15th or 16th July 2010 to discuss the process and follow up any queries (approx 1 hour)
- Judging teleconference - Wednesday 28th July 1pm. Each application will be discussed against the judging criteria (approx 2 hours)
- Submission of scores - Thursday 29th July
- As this is a Mental Health Promotion Project the EOI should include a brief overview of the GP involvement in aged care and mental health

For more information contact **Mary Pillars** on **02 8754 0400** or www.agedservices.asn.au

WELL WOMENS SCREENING COURSE – NSW CERVICAL SCREENING PROGRAM

- Training for PNs
- For more information please contact course coordinator Sophia Constantinou (02) 8752 4328
- Application forms and information www.fpnsw.org.au
- Courses accredited by the RCN for 25 CNE points



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RURAL LOCUM OPPORTUNITIES

- There are now more opportunities for urban doctors to experience life in a country practice thanks to the Federal Government's new \$6.1 million Rural GP Locum Program
- Apart from a career boost, rural locum work is a great way of giving something back to regional Australia and also offers opportunities to help indigenous communities
- To find out more or to register to become part of the locum pool, contact **Suzanne Riley**, from the **NSW Rural Doctors Network** on **02 4924 8065** or visit the **Rural Health Workforce Australia** website www.rhwa.org.au/ruralgplocum

OLDER PEOPLE & THE LAW

- Older Persons Tenants' Service is delivering a information session on the law to older people at **Chatswood** on **Friday 26 February 2010**. Further information can be found at www.cpsa.org.au/MAIN/Home.php under the heading 'Older People and the Law'
- If doctors are willing to display flyers to promote the session please contact Older Persons Tenants' Service on **Phone: 9566 1121**

UPDATE ON KIDNEY STONES PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT: GP SEMINAR

- Presenters Dr Simon Bariol Urological Surgeon & Dr Senan Nagarathnam Diagnostic and Interventional Radiologist
- Attendees will be eligible for 2 RACGP QA&CPD Points per hour subject to approval by RACGP
- **When:** Wed 10th February 2010 **Time:** 6:30pm Registration
- **Venue:** Norwest Private hospital, Ground Floor 11 Norbrick Drive, Bella Vista
- **RSVP:** 5th February 2010 Email: Julianne.murray@healthscope.com.au

DIPLOMA IN CHILD HEALTH (DCH) – THE CHILDRENS HOSPITAL WESTMEAD

- Offers a comprehensive overview of current best practice in child health care
- 111 hours of lectures and supporting material delivered as a one year program through distance education via internet or DVD
- Course Fee for General Practitioners is \$2690
- Applications welcome www.chw.edu.au/dch

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT FREE INFORMATION SESSION UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND (UNE)

- **When:** Monday 22 February 2010 at 6.00pm for 6.30pm start
- **Where:** AMA NSW, Ground Floor, 69 Christie Street, St Leonards
- **RSVP:** Monday 15 February
- Registration or further information 1800 288 622 or visit practicemgt@unep.edu.au

TROUBLED TEENS: MANAGING ADOLESCENT MOOD DISORDERS IN GENERAL PRACTICE

- This 6-hr interactive workshop will focus on the issues of GP involvement with 11-18 year old adolescents presenting with mood disorders
- **Venue:** Black Dog Institute, Hospital Road, Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick NSW 2031
- **When:** Saturday 27th February 2010
- **Time:** 8.45am registration for a 9.00am start, 4:45pm finish
- **Cost:** **There is no charge for this workshop**
- **Endorsement:** Active Learning Module: Category 1 attracting 40 QA&CPD points and MHST (Mental Health Skills Training) formerly Level 1 Initial for those who complete requirements
- **Enquiries** and **RSVP:** **Katie Denton 02 9382 8518** or email k.denton@blackdog.org.au

THREE DAY DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR PRACTICE NURSES

- To enable Practice Nurses to develop and extend their expertise in the field of diabetes care
- **When:** 16-18 March 2010 and from 17-19 August 2010
- **Where:** The Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Diabetes Centre, Camperdown NSW
- **Enquiries:** **Carolien van Geloven (02) 9515 5934** or carolien.vangeloven@email.cs.nsw.gov.au

Please note: The APNA provides scholarships which cover the cost of the course www.apna.asn.au