



Weekly News

Wednesday, 1st September 2010

Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

INDIGENOUS HEALTH INCENTIVE

- The PIP Indigenous Health Incentive includes:
- A one-off payment of \$1000 to practices that agree to undertake certain activities to improve care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients
- An annual payment to practices and Indigenous health services of \$250 for each eligible patient registered with the practice for chronic disease management
- Annual payments to practices and Indigenous health services of up to \$250 for each eligible patient for whom a target level of care is provided by the practice.
- To join this new incentive, practices must be participating in the PIP
- For more information or to arrange for a visit from your **Practice Support Officer** please phone **9477 8700**

ONLINE CULTURAL COMPETENCE TRAINING

- The Centre for Cultural Competence Australia (CCCA) is a training & development organisation in the field of 'Indigenous Cultural Competence'. The Centre aims to **Close the Gap** through education
- All CCCA courses are based on 'Cultural Competence' not 'Cultural Awareness'. Cultural Competence requires learners to demonstrate their understanding and competence through assessment
- The online course is TAFE and RACGP Accredited. Completion of the course by a GP and another practice member will satisfy your cultural training obligations to join the Indigenous Health PIP Incentive
- For more information contact enquiries@ccca.com.au or **1300 240 944**

BONE DENSITOMETRY AT HKH

- Bone Densitometry - Hip and Lumbar spine, is available at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital now at a reduced cost to the patient
- It will be free for any Pensioner or Health Care Card holder and \$50 for any other patient. For bookings, enquiries or to obtain referral forms phone **9477 9514**
- Any other enquiries regarding Aged Care Services at HKH can be made to **Dr Magda Campbell**, Aged Care GP Liaison Officer on **9875 2626** or magda.c@camque.com.au

ATTENTION ALL PRACTICE NURSES!

- Practice Nurses' roles and responsibilities in the care of well and sick children
- A national study is being conducted to identify Practice Nurses' changing role, specifically in the area of child health and wellbeing. Outcomes from the study will identify 1) the extent of Practice Nurses' involvement in this area, 2) potential professional development opportunities to meet specific needs and interests and 3) ways to overcome barriers to professional development
- Dr Anne Walsh and Associate Professor Margaret Barnes are conducting the study funded by the Queensland Nurses Council
- All nurses employed in Australian general practice settings are invited to participate by going to <https://survey.qut.edu.au/survey/169404/1913/> or emailing **Anne** at am.walsh@qut.edu.au
- Detailed information is available on the survey welcome page
- For more information please email **Sarah Warne** at sarah.warne@qut.edu.au

DIVERSE COMMUNITY CARE - COMMUNITY OPTIONS PROGRAM

- Diverse Community Care provides a variety of programs to enable people to remain living in their own homes. Diverse Community Care currently has vacancies in the **Community Options Program (COPS)**. The Cops Program:
 - Is a case management service designed to support frail older people, people with a disability, and their carers to remain in their own home
 - Is aimed at those people whose needs are complex and
 - Assists individuals who require assistance to navigate the community support system
- The program covers the Ryde and Hunters Hill Local Government Areas
- To make a referral or enquire further, contact the **Intake Officer at Diverse Community Care** on **9898 0000**