



Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

WOUND MANAGEMENT UPDATE FOR PRACTICE NURSES –

- *Wednesday, 10 February.* Registration and light dinner at 7.00pm, commencement 7.30pm
- Level 2 Conference Room. *The Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahroonga*

NPS & HMR STROKE PREVENTION INTERACTIVE CASE STUDY –

- *Tuesday, 16 February.* Registration and light dinner at 7.00pm, commencement 7.30pm
- Macquarie Room. *MGSM Executive Hotel, Macquarie University, North Ryde*

CPR WORKSHOP –

- *Tuesday, 23 February.* Registration and light dinner at 7.00pm, commencement 7.30pm
- Level 2 Conference Room. *The Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahroonga*

Please note spaces are limited to two participants per practice for CPR Workshop due to the demand for this workshop. For information on this or any of our education opportunities please contact the Education and Marketing Officer on **9477 8700** or email **annette@gpnn.org.au**

IS YOUR PRACTICE ACCREDITATION LOOMING? GP Network Northside can support you with:

- A gap analysis visit, that provides a report on the areas of accreditation that may need attention
- Assistance completing Accreditation Pro
- A disk including new resources such as the **AGPAL feedback surveys**, now in different languages, **clinical equipment maintenance register** and **minutes template** for clinical meetings
- AGPAL Policy and Procedure manual template
- A mock Accreditation visit
- Phone your **Practice Support Officer** on **9477 8700** for more information

MODERN AWARDS

- Award modernisation is the process of reviewing and rationalising awards in the national workplace relations system to create a system of 'modern awards'
- The Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC) began the process in March 2008 following a formal request from the Australian Government
- By the end of 2009 more than 1500 awards had been reviewed and 122 industry and occupation awards created. These awards are effective on 1 January 2010 but most include transitional provisions to phase in changes in wages, loadings and penalties over a five-year period
- The award modernisation process is continuing under the AIRC's successor Fair Work Australia (FWA). There are a number of phases
- For more information on modern awards go to www.fwa.gov.au

WORKCOVER NSW RATES FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS 2010

- The rates are now available to download from the website www.workcover.nsw.gov.au
- Alternatively contact your **Practice Support Officer** ph: **9477 8700** for a copy

NATIONAL HEART FOUNDATION RESOURCES

- The National Heart Foundation has developed a new GP Management Plan (GPMP) for Coronary Heart Disease (CHD), as well as a patient chest pain action plan
- Patient resources are also available to complement the GPMP, including a recently updated patient fact sheet on the heart attack and chest pain action plan
- The GPMP templates and download instructions, as well as patient resources, are available from: http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Professional_Information/General_Practice/Pages/Managingcoronaryheartdisease.aspx

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PRACTICE NURSE SERVICES

- From 1 November 2009, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have received a health assessment can access up to **10 Practice Nurse follow-up services** per calendar year under MBS item 10987. This is in addition to items 10997, items 81300 to 81360, and items 10950 to 10970
- In NSW, this item number applies only to Practice Nurses. Aboriginal Health Workers in NSW are unable to claim this item
- Contact your **Practice Support Officer** at **GPNN** on **9477 8700** for more information

SERVICE DIRECTORY

- A directory providing contact information for health providers is now online at www.gpnn.org.au