



Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

WOUND MANAGEMENT UPDATE FOR PNs IS NOW FULL – Waiting List Available

“ANTIPLATELET AND ANTICOAGULANT THERAPY IN STROKE PREVENTION” NPS-HMR INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP FOR GPs, PRACTICE NURSES AND PHARMACISTS

- 7pm Tuesday 16th February
- Dr John Worthington will offer us the bottom line in choices of therapy for both primary and secondary prevention of stroke. Our other panellists will be presenting the pros and cons of point-of-care INR testing and the role of the pharmacist in stroke prevention medication management.
- There are a *few places remaining* for GPs and PNs at this event. Please contact Robi at GPNN on 9477 8700 to register.

ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL POLICY RE ABDOMINAL AND SCROTAL PAIN IN CHILDREN

- Children **under 14 years** presenting with **abdominal pain** should be referred to The Children's Hospital Westmead or Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick
- Children **under 12 years** presenting with **scrotal pain** should be referred to The Children's Hospital Westmead or Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick
- Flowcharts providing further information are available from your **PSO** on **9477 8700**

ITEM 2710 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PLAN UPDATE

- The **GPMHSC** will provide information to Medicare Australia that a GP has completed mental health skills training. Medicare Australia will then record the date the training was completed as the effective date advised by the GPMHSC
- N.B. There will be a time lag from when a GP's completion of training has been provided to the GPMHSC and reported to Medicare Australia – this may be anywhere from two to six weeks.
- A GP who has completed the relevant training should hold accounts for item 2710 until they receive the confirmation of eligibility from Medicare Australia (most likely in the form of a letter), and can then submit these claims to Medicare
- Please contact the GPMHSC to check accreditation status on (03) 8699 0554/0556 or email gpmhsc@racgp.org.au

GP SHARED MENTAL HEALTH CARE

- The GP Link Program is an integrated approach to mental health care with the GP providing mental & physical healthcare & the mental health service maintaining a monitoring, supportive role
- The program provides care for consumers with enduring mental health problems that no longer require intensive case management but still need a level of contact with the Mental Health Service
- For further information or to speak to your local GPCLO based at Hornsby Hospital please phone **Susan Davis** (Wed – Fri) on **9477 9520** or email SDavis@nscchhs.health.nsw.gov.au

CALD CONSUMER INFORMATION - CERVICAL SCREENING

- GPNN currently has stock of the consumer leaflet ***When did you last have a Pap smear?*** available in 29 languages
- We can also provide you with copies of the ***Early detection is the best prevention*** consumer brochure; The ***Abnormal Pap Smear Result*** booklet and NSW Cancer Institute Posters.
- Please contact your **Practice Support Officer** on **9477 8700** if you would like to receive copies of any of these resources or if you would like information on how to order CALD resources for your practice

LOOKING FOR NEW DOCTORS AND HAVE A PASSION FOR TEACHING?

- GP training provider, GP Synergy is seeking new practices to help train the future generation of GPs
- Practices must demonstrate clinical excellence and Commitment to medical education.
- Training registrars is a rewarding experience with many benefits (including some financial remuneration)
- For more details visit the GP Synergy website at www.gpsynergy.com.au