

## Weekly Fax

Wednesday 17 February 2010



Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

### GP NETWORK NORTHSIDE UP-COMING CPD EDUCATION EVENTS

- March 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm Legal and Professional issues for PNs at the Sydney Adventist Hospital
- March 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm The Current Management of DVT for GPs & PNs at MGSM, North Ryde
- March 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm Customer Service In General Practice Workshop at Sydney Adventist Hospital
- March 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm Mind The Gap mental health comorbidity Workshop at MGSM, North Ryde
- To register for any of these workshops, please circle the chosen workshop and complete the following and fax back to **9477 8799**. I am a... GP  PN  PRAC MGR  PRAC STAFF

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Practice \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have special dietary requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

### NATIONAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR PRACTICE NURSES

- GP NSW is presenting this informative 2 day workshop at Rydges Hotel, North Sydney on **February 25 & 26**
- Any Practice Nurses who have been working in General Practice for less than 2 years are eligible to attend
- The program is extremely comprehensive and will provide vital knowledge to enhance the practice nurse role
- Each attendee will receive a detailed resource folder which will become an important reference point for the entire practice. All details are included in the attached flyer

### GPNN SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR PRACTICE STAFF TRAINING

- RACGP 3rd Edition Accreditation Standards require practices to show evidence of ongoing education for all staff. However you don't need to be accredited to access these resources
- Practice Support Officers can provide onsite training on topics such as Sterilisation, Infection Control, Cold Chain Management, Data Cleansing and Register & Recall systems
- We can also provide a Staff Education Directory, listing industry specific courses to up-skill staff
- For more information contact your **Practice Support Officer** on **9477 8700**

### ENSURING POTENT VACCINES

- The start of a new year can act as a reminder to check that the practice vaccine fridge is functioning acceptably before the upcoming school and flu season influx
- **Data logging** is a free service offered by GPNN which records the fridge temperature every 6 minutes for 1 week. External data logging enables you to check that your fridge is maintaining the temperature between 2°C to 8°C, as per the National Vaccine Storage Guidelines - "Strive for 5".
- Storing vaccines between 2°C to 8°C at all times ensures potent vaccines
- To book data logging or obtain a copy of the Strive for 5, contact your **Practice Support Officer** on **9477 8700**

### MOVING ON: A SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WITH A CHRONIC ILLNESS

- GP Network Northside is currently working with Arthritis NSW and the University of New South Wales' Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity, who are completing a research study which evaluates a new chronic disease self-management program called Moving On
- Moving On was developed by Arthritis NSW in partnership with the National Prescribing Service
- The program aims to help participants manage their chronic illness by challenging unhealthy behaviours and attitudes as well as providing the knowledge and skills they need to create positive changes in their lives
- Please contact your **Practice Support Officer** on **9477 8700** or go to **www.arthritisnsw.org.au** for more information or if you would like to refer patients

### CANCER COUNCIL UNDERSTANDING RIGHTS OF PATIENTS AND CARERS SEMINAR

- Patient's and Carers are invited to a free seminar hosted by the Cancer Council on Understanding their rights as a cancer patient or carer
- The seminar will be held on **Friday 26 February from 9.30am – 11.30am** at Punthill Apartment Hotels, 472 Pacific Highway, Artarmon
- To RSVP or for further details contact **Nadine Costantini** on **9334 1868**