



Weekly Fax

Wednesday 24 February 2010

Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

MENTAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL HEALTH COMORBIDITIES WORKSHOP

- GPNN is running a Mind the Gap: mental and physical health comorbidities workshop. This two hour workshop has been developed to foster collaboration and communication between GPs, Practice Nurses and other primary health care professionals involved in managing patients with mental and physical health comorbidities and to increase knowledge of the relevance of team-based care and self management and to explore local referral pathways and resources
- The workshop will be held on **Tuesday 30 March from 7.00pm for 7.30 – 9.30pm** in the Macquarie Room, Macquarie Graduate School of Management, 99 Talavera Road, North Ryde
- For further information or to register please phone **9477 8700** or email cynthia@gpnn.org.au

DETERGENTS AND CLEANING SOLUTIONS IN YOUR PRACTICE

- The RACGP 3rd Edition Accreditation Standards require practices to have Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) available for all chemicals used within the practice
- GPNN can provide MSDS for Clinidet, Sonidet, Viraclean, Liquid Nitrogen and Oxygen
- To obtain these resources please contact your **Practice Support Officer** on **9477 8700**

FREE PSYCHOTHERAPY AVAILABLE FOR 40 SESSIONS

- Offered by psychiatry registrars in training, with an experienced supervisor
- Looking for patients who are well motivated, psychologically minded, have no drug or alcohol issues or major mental illness, aged 18-65 years, are not actively suicidal or self harming
- If you have someone who may be suitable contact **Dr Genevieve Curran** on **9926 7111** and **page 41825**

MEDICARE CHANGES AND AGED CARE ACCESS INITIATIVE (ACAI)

- From 1 May 2010, MBS Item 712 Comprehensive medical assessment of a permanent resident of a residential aged care facility (RACF) will be replaced by new time-based health assessment items 701, 703, 705 and 707. However, as these items are not specific to residents of RACFs, the use of these new items **will not** count towards the qualifying service levels (QSLs) for the ACAI.
- Please note that the Department of Health & Ageing has analysed data on the use of Item 712, and is not expecting the removal of this item to have a significant impact on GPs reaching the QSLs for the ACAI. From 1 May 2010, GPs must use one of the following existing MBS items for services in RACFs to count towards the QSLs for the ACAI.
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- All PIP practices will be advised of this through Medicare Australia's PIP News Update in February.
- If you have any questions, please phone **PIP** on **1800 222 032**

BREASTSCREEN: RESOURCES FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

- BreastScreen NSW offers a free breast screening service for women over 40 with priority given to women aged 50 to 69 years
- An appointment can be made by calling **13 20 50**
- If you require a **BreastScreen NSW screening request pad** or any other resources, please visit www.bsnsw.org.au/resources/resources.htm and download the resource order form

O&G PERINATAL UPDATE

- The RHW General Practitioners postgraduate committee invites GPs to attend an Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Perinatal medicine workshop on **Saturday 27 March** from **12.00pm – 5.00pm** at the Lecture Theatre, Women's Health Institute Royal Hospital for Women, Randwick
- Topics include H1N1 and Travel Vaccines in Pregnancy, Premature Babies and the role of the GP, how to manage 3rd trimester annoying symptoms, Preconception genetic screening and Infertility – interpretation of the tests you have ordered
- For further information or to register please phone Steph **9382 6666** or email stefica.grbavac@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
- This event goes towards GP Shared Antenatal Care reaccreditation. Please inform GPNN if you attend this event so we can update your accreditation details.