



Weekly News

Wednesday 12th May 2010

Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

GP NETWORK NORTHSIDE CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING WORKSHOP

- This workshop will be presented by David Widders of Widders Consultancy with Certificate IV in Workplace Assessment and Training and 16+ years experience delivering Aboriginal cultural training to community, government and non-government agencies
- This workshop will attract **11 RACGP QA&CPD Points** and **5.5 CNE Points**
- **WHEN:** Saturday, 5th June 2010
- **TIME:** 9am Registration for 9.30am workshop commencement
- **WHERE:** GP Network Northside, 8/6-18 Bridge Road, Hornsby
- To register for this workshop please email robi@gpnn.org.au or **fax back** this page to **9477 8799** with the following details

Name _____ Practice _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please ensure email address is included for workshop confirmation purposes

I am a GP Practice Nurse Practice Staff

Do you have special dietary requirements? _____

ACCESS TO ALLIED PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (ATAPS) NATIONAL PERINATAL DEPRESSION INITIATIVE

- GPNN welcomes all GPs to refer their patients experiencing antenatal or postnatal depression to the Access to Allied Psychological Services (ATAPS) National Perinatal Depression Initiative.
- Patients are eligible to receive free psychological sessions under this program.
- The current ATAPS Referral Form and Psychologist Directory can be found on our website www.gpnn.org.au or phone **9477 8700** to request a copy.

NPS FINDING EVIDENCE – RECOGNISING HYPE

- One hour long, interactive small group meeting to discuss your information needs around new drugs, including how to access independent information to support evidence-based decision making about new drugs
- Two workshops are available, please see the attached flyer for more details

ELECTRONIC ACIR SUBMISSIONS

- If your practice uses Practice Management software, you can transfer immunisation data to the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) electronically.
- If your practice does not have Practice Management software but your computers are connected to the internet you can transfer immunisation data electronically via the ACIR secure website.
- Electronic submissions can save time and help minimize errors in transferred information.
- If you would like more information on submitting immunisation data electronically contact your **Practice Support Officer** on **9477 8700**.

MENTAL HEALTH SOCIAL WORKERS – ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS UNDER MEDICARE

- Did you know that Mental Health Social Workers (MHSW) are registered providers with Medicare, having been assessed as having specialist mental health training and experience?
- They have particular expertise in working with individuals whose mental health disorders coexist with other problems such a family distress, drug and alcohol abuse, unemployment, disability poverty and trauma
- GPs can refer patients to Mental Health Social Workers after completion of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan (2702 or 2710)
- Meaghan Katrak, our local Australian Association of Social Workers representative, is an accredited Mental Health Social Worker and Medicare provider, with 20 years experience in working with individuals, families and groups
- Contact Meaghan for more information about how MHSW's can assist with your patient care on 0438 269 879 or 1300 787 066, or email mkatrak@yahoo.com.au