



Weekly News
Wednesday 19th May 2010

Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

GP NETWORK NORTHSIDE CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING WORKSHOP

- 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
- For more information or to register for this workshop please contact robi@gpnn.org.au or **9477 8700**

ACCESS TO ALLIED PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (ATAPS) ** FUNDING STILL AVAILABLE **

- GP Network Northside welcomes all GPs to refer patients to the ATAPS program
- Referrals are capped to 40 per month and allocated as they are received
- For more information please visit our website www.gpnn.org.au or phone **9477 8700**

AFTER HOURS FUNDING ROUND

- The Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) is seeking applications from organisations interested in receiving funding to provide after hours GP services under the Australian Government's General Practice After Hours (GPAH) Program
- Up to 100 new grants will be offered on a competitive basis in 2010-11 with a maximum of \$100,000 (GST exclusive) available over two years, per grant. Grants will assist with operating costs to support the viability of new and existing after hours GP services
- Applications are due by 2.00pm on 25 June 2010
- Visit www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/grant3600910 or contact **Swain Jeffery** at DoHA on **6289 8187** for more information

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE MANAGER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- UNE Partnerships has released two new qualifications in the Professional Practice Manager Development Program
- Certificate IV in Professional Practice Management (91482NSW)
- Diploma of Professional Practice Management (91483NSW)
- These qualifications follow on from the Certificate III in Business Administration (Medical BSB31107)
- For more information please contact **UNE Partnerships** on **1800 288 622** or visit www.practicemanagement.edu.au

NPS CLINICAL AUDIT - 2nd AUDIT FOR THE 2010 - 2011 PIP YEAR

- Management of stable COPD and smoking cessation
- Enrol by Friday 4th June 2010
- There are 40 Category 1 RACGP QA & CPD points allocated to this audit
- For more information or to enrol please visit www.nps.org.au/clinical_audits or contact the **NPS Facilitators** at GPNN on **9477 8700** or email sandra@gpnn.org.au



SAFESTART PROGRAM UPDATE - PERINATAL & INFANT CARE

- Through SAFESTART, all new mothers in NSW will have access to screening and services, which support parental wellbeing and enhance parenting skills, through their local area health service. It also supports maternity and child and family health workers to be better equipped to identify emotional issues, mental health problems and support women to get the right assistance.
- The following link has further useful information about Families NSW and SAFESTART www.families.nsw.gov.au/getting_help_and_support/safe_start.html
- Please forward any queries or suggestions to be discussed at the next implementation committee meeting, to **Simone Southon** simone@gpnn.org.au or phone **9477 8700**

ENSURING POTENT VACCINES

- Would you like to check that your practice vaccine fridge is functioning acceptably?
- **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 the data logging service or a Cold Chain Management practice visit contact your **Practice Support Officer** on **9477 8700**