



Weekly News
Wednesday 26th May, 2010

Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

GP PRACTICE DIRECTORY ON GPNN WEBSITE

- GPNN is considering including a directory of GP practices located in our catchment area on our website
- The directory would only contain the name of the practice, suburb and phone number
- If you **do not** wish to be listed on this directory phone **9477 8700** or email brooke@gpnn.org.au

ACCESS TO ALLIED PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (ATAPS) – REMINDER TO ALL GPs

- GPNN welcomes all GPs to refer their patients to the ATAPS program. This includes your patients who might be suffering from antenatal or postnatal depression
- For more information visit our website www.gpnn.org.au or phone **9477 8700**

RYDE HOSPITAL GP NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION FAX SURVEY – YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE A SAY!

- GPNN and Ryde Hospital have commissioned Outcome Services to evaluate the Admission Alert Fax (AAF) program, which has been notifying GPs of their patient's admission to Ryde Hospital via the Emergency Department
- GPs will soon receive an invitation to participate in a survey via email or post with the hope of gaining valuable feedback about the program and ways that we can improve the service
- If you do not receive your survey form or email and you would like to provide feedback, please contact **Simone Southon** at GPNN on **9477 8700** or email simone@gpnn.org.au

NATIONAL SORRY DAY – TODAY, WED 26TH MAY

- It's been two years since Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's Apology to the tens of thousands of Indigenous people who were forcibly removed from their families as children
- The first Sorry Day was held in Sydney in 1998, it is now commemorated nationally with thousands of Australians from all walks of life participating in events to honour the Stolen Generations



National Prescribing Service Limited

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
- Two workshops are available, please see flyer attached for more details

LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO REFER YOUR PATIENTS WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES?

- The Therapy Centre, Anglican Retirement Villages is offering a new service for people with Type 2 Diabetes
- After completing your GP Management Plan (item 721 or review 725 or 731 for a resident in a RACF) you may refer your patient with Type 2 Diabetes to "ARV Allied Health Services" for services under the Medicare **Group** Allied Health Services for patients with Type 2 Diabetes (this is in addition to an EPC)
- The referral form can be found via this link www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mbsprimary-ahgs-diabetes.htm
- Our Accredited Exercise Physiologist (AEP) will then assess the person (item 81110) and report back to you on their suitability for the group service. They are then able to access up to 8 group services (item 81115) after which you will receive a further report
- For more information, please contact **Nicole Suckling** (AEP) or **Jane Louis** (Manager) on **9634 0370**

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA WORKSHOP

- Topics to be covered - The nature of dementia, Communication and coping with behavioural symptoms of dementia, Information on services to assist in planning ahead
- **WHEN:** Tuesday 22 June 2010
- **TIME:** 9.30am – 1.00pm
- **WHERE:** Ryde/ Eastwood Leagues Club - 117 Ryedale Rd, WEST RYDE
- To register for the session phone **Chris Lewis** on **9817 0101**