



Weekly News

Wednesday 23rd June 2010

Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

HEALTH SERVICE WORKSHOP

- This "expo" event will offer you the opportunity to browse a wide variety of Area Health Services available to GPs and practices in an informal setting.
- Includes special presentations on the Royal North Shore Hospital re-development and the evaluation results of the Ryde Hospital GP Notification of Admission program
- Area Health Service Exhibitors will include: APAC • Bernard Curran Rehabilitation Unit – HKH • Hornsby Hospital Dietetics • Hornsby Hospital Diabetes Education Service • Hornsby Mental Health Services • Northern Sydney Area Drug & Alcohol Services • Ryde Hospital Diabetes Education Service • Ryde Hospital Hospitalists • Ryde Mental Health Services • Specialist Mental Health Services for Older Persons (SMHSOP)
- **WHEN:** Wednesday 28th July 2010
- **TIME:** 6.00pm for registration, light dinner and drinks
- **WHERE:** Curzon Hall, 53 Agincourt Rd, (Cnr Balaclava Rd) MARSFIELD
- To register for this workshop please contact **Robi** on **9477 8700** or email robi@gpnn.org.au

ABORIGINAL HEALTH

- GPNN have developed and printed Practice Guides offering GPs and practices an introduction to providing health care to the aboriginal community. Included in the guide is information on specific health checks and other MBS items available to the patients who identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- For more information or to request a copy, phone **9477 8700** or email Kimberley@gpnn.org.au

ACCESS TO ALLIED PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (ATAPS)

- This is your last chance to refer patients to the ATAPS program before the end of the financial year
- GPNN welcome all GPs to refer patients through this service including those who might be suffering from Perinatal depression
- For more information please phone **9477 8700** or visit our website www.gpnn.org.au

FINAL REMINDER TO SEND BACK YOUR RYDE HOSPITAL GP NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION FAX SURVEY

- 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
- Don't forget to send us your feedback as the survey is closing soon
- If you have any questions about the survey please contact **Simone Southon** at GPNN on **9477 8700** or email simone@gpnn.org.au

NEW TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR BLOOD-INJURY-INJECTION (BII) PHOBIA

- Macquarie University's Emotional Health Clinic has launched a new group treatment program for Blood-Injury-Injection (BII) Phobia
- Designed for patients avoiding diagnosis or treatments involving needles due to fear of needles or blood
- Examples – IVF clients, diabetes sufferers, people requiring influenza or travel vaccinations
- For more information visit Programs for Adults at www.emotionalhealthclinic.com.au or phone **Jonathan Gaston** on **9850 8711**

REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION SIT-IN

- Dr Ron Shapiera is a retired GP that would like to get back into General Practice. Ron has not been in general practice for 5 years but has kept up with medical subjects on the internet and recently completed a re-entry programme run by GP Synergy
- Ron is looking for a practice that could offer him the opportunity to sit-in on consultations to get the feel of general practice again. He would also like to use this opportunity to pick up on his knowledge of using Medical Director or any other programme in use by the practice
- At present, being retired, Ron has restricted registration with the NSW Medical Board which allows him prescription and referral rights. The re-entry programme should allow Ron full unrestricted re-entry to general practice
- If your practice could offer Ron this opportunity, please contact **Dr Ron Shapiera** (MPO 103435) on **9477 4541** or email rshapier@bigpond.net.au