



**Weekly News**  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Please distribute to GPs and staff in your practice

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**RYDE HOSPITAL GP NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION FAX SURVEY –HAVE YOUR 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](mailto:simone@gpnn.org.au)

**ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENT FOR CLINICAL MEETINGS**

- GP Network Northside can assist your practice with accreditation requirements around clinical meetings.
- As part of the RACGP Standards for General Practice (3rd Edition) practices now need to show evidence of a consistent approach to the diagnosis and management of common and serious conditions of individual patients
- The RACGP recommends holding clinical meetings at least quarterly, and topics of discussion need to include presentations and discussion of individual clinical cases and how to deal with specific conditions
- Your Practice Support Officer can assist you by providing templates and through organising National Prescribing Service (NPS) small group case discussions.
- For more information please contact your **Practice Support Officer** on Ph **9477 8700**

**DO YOU USE DETERGENTS AND CLEANING SOLUTIONS IN YOUR PRACTICE?**

- The RACGP 3rd Edition standards require all practices to have Material Data Sheets (MDS) available for all chemicals used within the practice.
- GPNN can provide you with a MDS for Clinidet, Sonidet, Viracleans, Liquid Nitrogen and Oxygen.
- Contact your **Practice Support Officer** at GPNN on **9477 8700** to order resources

**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

**DEMYSTIFYING DEPRESSION WORKSHOP**

- The Manly-Warringah Division of General Practice (MWDGP) is holding Mental Health Skills Training (40 Cat. 1 RACGP CPD points) on depression and mental health care plan for item numbers 2710, 2712 & 2713 – Pre reading will be sent out prior to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2010
- **WHEN:** Saturday 19 June
- **TIME:** 9am-5pm
- **RSVP:** Due Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at the latest
- **WHERE:** Dee Why RSL Club
- For more information please contact **Liz Kirov** MWDGP **9998 0350**

**HUNTERS HILL DAY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS – NEW SESSIONS NOW AVAILABLE**

- Have you got patients suffering with arthritis or recovering from major joint or cardiac surgery? Consider referral to day rehabilitation at Hunters Hill Private Hospital
- Free pick up within 7km radius
- Fully equipped gymnasium; hydrotherapy pool; experienced physiotherapy
- Programs are covered by private health insurance, including DVA, or self funding patients can request quotes
- For more information please call **Hunters Hill Private Hospital** on **8876 9447**

**NORTH SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST HIV & RELATED PROGRAMS – HOLDEN STREET CLINIC**

- This Clinic is funded by NSW Health to provide specialist care for HIV and STI related conditions
- For more information contact **Dr Debbie Allen**, at the Holden Street Clinic on **4320 2114** or visit [www.stipu.nsw.gov.au](http://www.stipu.nsw.gov.au)