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Manly Warringah Division of General Practice Ltd

# PRACTICE STAFF NEWS



Practice Nurse Incentive Program (PNIP)

## Workshop

Hello all,

The new PNIP will commence on January 1 2012. Learn more at the MWDGP workshop (sponsored by AGPN) for GPs, Practice Nurses and Practices Managers – see attached flyer.

The MWDGP Advanced PN Consultancy program has started and practices interested in taking advantage of this should contact me for an information package.

I'm available Wednesdays and Fridays, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm on 9998 0287 or by email [yparsons@mwdgp.com.au](mailto:yparsons@mwdgp.com.au)

*Yvonne Parsons*

## Home Medicines Review (HMR) and Resident Medication Management Review (RMMR) changes

GPs are able to refer to either the patient's pharmacy or to an accredited pharmacy chosen by the patient. See the HMR Fact Sheet at

[http://www.5cpa.com.au/5CPA/Initiatives/Medication\\_Management/Home\\_Medicines\\_Review/About+HMR.page?](http://www.5cpa.com.au/5CPA/Initiatives/Medication_Management/Home_Medicines_Review/About+HMR.page?)

A change for RMMR: The medication review must be in collaboration with the GP. See the RMMR Fact Sheet at

[http://www.5cpa.com.au/5CPA/Initiatives/Medication\\_Management/RMMR/About+RMMR.page](http://www.5cpa.com.au/5CPA/Initiatives/Medication_Management/RMMR/About+RMMR.page)

## Welcome new Practice Nurses

Susan Chen (Dee Why Family Medical Practice)

Kirsten Immens (Davidson Family Medical Practice)

Susie MacDonald (Davidson Family Medical Practice)

Majella O'Brien (Vale Medical Clinic)

## Medicare Item Changes: MBS release - November 2011 Summary

### GP Mental Health Treatment Plan

- Items 2702 and 2710 have been removed and replaced with four new items 2700, 2701, 2715 and 2717.

### Better Access to Psychiatrists, Psychologists and General Practitioners program

- Four new, time-tiered items (2700, 2701, 2715 and 2717) have been introduced to replace item 2702 and item 2710 for the development of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan.
- The schedule fee for the review consultation item 2712 and item 2713 has been reduced.
- Allied health services have been capped at ten services per patient per calendar year, and the provision for an additional six services under exceptional circumstances has been removed.
- References to 'Access to Allied Psychological Services' (ATAPs) has been removed to provide greater clarification in the Medicare Benefits Schedule of a 'relevant service' under the Better Access program.



Melbourne Thursday 3rd – Saturday 5th May 2012

The 4th APNA national conference for practice nurses and nurses working in primary health care will provide extensive opportunities to network with other nurses and a fantastic program. [Visit the Time to Shine web page](#)

**Call for abstracts NOW OPEN**

To download instructions on how to submit an abstract [click here](#) or email your details to [admin@apna.asn.au](mailto:admin@apna.asn.au) and they will send you a copy.

## New DVA fee schedules for medical and allied health services available online

From 1st November DVA fee schedules will be available online, [visit this website](#) for more information.



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## Trends in palliative care in Australian hospitals

The issue of dying and how best to treat people at the end of their life is something that affects almost all of us. Palliative care is



an area that the nursing profession is very involved in and with the release of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's (AIHW) report Trends in palliative care in Australian hospitals, palliative care has been a topic of discussion in the media. While palliative care isn't necessarily connected with dying, the question of the best way to care for someone facing death is at the core of most debate. (from RCNA NurseClick October 2011)

[Trends in palliative care in Australian hospitals](#)

[The time has come to talk about dying](#)

[Increase in hospital admissions for palliative care](#)

['It's OK to die in one's own home'](#)

[We need to talk about death so others know how we want to spend the last days of our lives](#)

[Good intentions lead to bad deaths](#)

[Medicare Locals starting the path to deliver better palliative care](#)

## Resources

### New Health Promotion Resource to Help Close the Gap

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities can now access a comprehensive health promotion pack to combat the risk factors for chronic disease and help close the gap in life expectancy.

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr11-ws-ws046.htm>

### Identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in general practice

RACGP guide to identify, record and report the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status of patients of health services. [Click here](#)

<http://www.racgp.org.au/Content/NavigationMenu/About/Faculties/AboriginalandTorresStraitIslanderHealth/201109RACGPIdentificationPosition.pdf>

### National Asthma Council Website

The newly designed site puts all information about managing asthma at your fingertips. The website provides reliable, useful information about asthma for people with asthma and their families, as well as a wide range of education and resources for health professionals. <http://www.nationalasthma.org.au/>

### 2010 Report on Adult Health now available online

This report provides information on health behaviours, health status and access to health services for people aged 16 years and over. Data for the report were collected from February to December 2010. This resource can provide you with information on the Health status of the NSW population that that may be useful for your reports or funding proposals

[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/publichealth/surveys/hsa\\_10pub\\_pdf.asp](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/publichealth/surveys/hsa_10pub_pdf.asp)

### New Heart Foundation Warning Signs DVD- now available!

As part of the Heart Foundation's *Warning Signs of Heart Attack* Program a short DVD has been developed to support the education of patients. This complements the suite of resources already developed to support warning signs awareness and education activities (including the heart attack action plan (fridge magnet and wallet card) and fact sheet).

Narrated by cardiologist, Professor Ian Meredith, the captioned 6-7 minute DVD uses two scenarios to visually demonstrate the varying warning signs of heart attack and what to do. It also includes information on:

- What a heart attack is
- Why it's important to act quickly and call Triple Zero (000)
- Simple steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of having a heart attack.

If you have a DVD player and TV in your practice and want to show something that could literally save your patient's life, order your free copy today. View the DVD (general population version) online at: <http://www.heartattackfacts.org.au>



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Order a free hard copy or a heart attack action plan (fridge magnet and wallet card) and fact sheet to support your education activities, by contacting our Health Information Service on 1300 36 27 87 or email [health@heartfoundation.org.au](mailto:health@heartfoundation.org.au).

## First National Publication of Infection Rates on MyHospitals

For the first time all Australians are able to see how well their local public hospital is controlling serious staph blood infections (staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia), with the release of hospital infection rates on the MyHospitals web site. <http://www.myhospitals.gov.au/>

## Education

### Diabetic foot (and ulcer) assessment and management FREE COURSE

Gain skills to screen, assess, educate and develop management programs for patients with diabetes at risk of developing foot ulcers.

<http://healthcpd.com.au/site/content/courses?subject=Diabetes&ctype=Short+course&profession=Nurses&delivery=Online&keyword=>

### Australian practice nurses prevent vision loss

Did you know that 75% of vision loss is preventable with early detection? Practice nurses are well positioned to promote the importance of regular eye examinations to prevent avoidable blindness and vision loss. APNA in partnership with the [Vision Initiative](#) have developed online education titled 'An Introduction to Eyes'. [Available at apna.e3learning.com.au for \\$22.00](http://apna.e3learning.com.au)

The education ensures nurses are aware of:

- common causes of vision loss
- risk factors
- how to detect vision loss
- latest treatments available
- referral pathways
- how to access low vision services

## Taking aim at non-communicable diseases in Asia/Pacific – FREE lecture Monday 7 Nov 5.30pm

University of Sydney - Read more and RSVP to secure your seat by [visiting this website](#).

## The A to Z of Hepatitis Tuesday 8 November 8pm AEDT

Live panel discussion covering the current knowledge and research on hepatitis, the range of hepatitis variants with a specific focus on hepatitis B and C, prevention, detection, diagnosis and treatment, the national hepatitis strategies and their key recommendations and specifically the issues for rural, remote and Indigenous communities. [Click here for more information](#).

## Research

### Information for GPs and Practice Nurses

Researchers from the University of Western Sydney are evaluating the educational resources developed for **GP Project** – an initiative of the NSW Sexually Transmissible Infections Programs Unit (STIPU) aimed at helping GPs and Practice Nurses promote sexual healthcare. Some of the resources that form part of this initiative include:

- STI Testing Tool
- STI Resources for GP
- Drive Time Radio CD for STI
- Online STI Testing Tool GP Training
- Face-to-Face Active Learning Module (ALM): Sex... Need a Hand? STI Management for General Practice
- Check: Sexually Transmissible Infections
- Practice Nurse Postcard
- Online STI Practice Nurse Training

GPs and Practice Nurses are needed to complete a brief, **CONFIDENTIAL** online survey about these resources. Survey participants will receive **FREE** copies of:

- Australasian Contact Tracing Manual 2010
- HIV, Viral Hepatitis and STIs – A Guide for Primary Care publication

**Survey closes Wednesday 30 November 2011.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/The-GP-Project-Evaluation>.



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## Assisting women presenting in general practice to conceive

Nurses are invited to participate in a survey which will help to inform a new model of care to assist women to conceive. APNA, on behalf of Monash University, is promoting this survey of practice nurses working in diverse locations across Australia to gather information about their fertility-awareness knowledge, attitudes and practices.

This survey will remain open until Friday 18th November – when completed you will go into the draw one of three iPod Shuffles. If you have any questions about the survey please phone Kerry Hampton on 03 9902 4516 or email [kerry.hampton@monash.edu](mailto:kerry.hampton@monash.edu). [Click here to start.](#)

## Useful links

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NSW Dept of Health: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/>

Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health:  
<http://www.nscchealth.nsw.gov.au/>

World Health Organisation: <http://www.who.int/en/>

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia :

<http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au>

Royal College of Nursing Australia:

[http://www.rcna.org.au/about/about\\_rcna](http://www.rcna.org.au/about/about_rcna)

Australian Practice Nurse Association:

<http://www.apna.asn.au/>

Australian General Practice Network (Nursing Program):

<http://generalpracticenursing.com.au/>

Medical Observer Primary Care Nurse

<http://www.medicalobserver.com.au/primary-care-nurse>

Immunise Australia Program:

<http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/>

Australian Immunisation Handbook

<http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/Handbook-home>

Womens Health

The Jean Hailes Foundation for Womens Health:

<http://www.jeanhailes.org.au>

Family Planning NSW: <http://www.fpnsw.org.au>