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PRACTICE STAFF NEWS

Welcome to



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and this edition of Practice Staff News.

My name is Yvonne Parsons and I am the new Administrator of the Nursing in General Practice, and Immunization programs for the Manly Warringah Division.

I look forward to meeting you at workshops and practice visits, and supporting you all, over the next few months.

I can be contacted at the Division, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm on 9998 0287 or by email yparsons@mwdgp.com.au.

Practice Nurse update - Orientation program for nurses

The Orientation Program for Nurses New to General Practice is available online or in a workshop setting.

For more information contact Julie Porritt Mobile: 0437 479 176 or Email: julieporritt@gpns.com.au

Don't get left behind—hit the ground running with Medicare Australia's online education services

Medicare Australia has developed a range of online education services to help new and established health professionals get practice ready. Online education services are available 24 hours, seven days a week and offer a greater flexibility and increased access to nationally consistent learning and support.

The **online education services** for health professionals include:

- eLearning
- Quick reference guides
- Handbooks and other resources

eLearning programs are interactive and provide essential knowledge for correct Medicare billing and PBS prescribing requirements. Online education services are regularly updated and in particular will be updated to reflect the Medicare primary care changes which will take effect 1 May 2010.

<http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/business/education/index.jsp>

For education enquiries relating to Medicare and the PBS email education@medicareaustralia.gov.au

Source: Medicare Australia

Warning signs of heart attack Campaign

The Heart Foundation's *Warning signs of heart attack* campaign aims to reduce suffering and death from coronary heart disease by helping people recognise the warning signs of heart attack and understand the importance of getting help fast by calling triple-0.

One of the key activities of this campaign is to educate people who have coronary heart disease, and their families, about how to recognise heart attack and what to do when they experience them. Resources are now available from The Heart Foundation in seven different languages to help health professionals, primarily nurses, involved in educating CHD patients in the acute setting.

http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Professional_Information/Warning_Signs_of_Heart_Attack/Pages/default.aspx

Source: NurseClick RCNA 15th March 2010

Hypertension Treatment Wall Chart

The Heart Foundation has developed a "Hypertension Treatment" wall chart, to assist busy healthcare providers in the management of patients with raised blood pressure. The chart **provides quick access to key clinical recommendations and summarised treatment algorithms** from the guidelines, and is intended for use as a practical, quick reference tool. It guides assessment of absolute cardiovascular risk and provides information about drug treatment and treatment targets.

To order your free copy of the wall chart or if you would like more information, contact the Health Information Service on 1300 36 27 87 or email health@heartfoundation.org.au.

Source: APNA e-News 9th March 2010



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Practice Nurse numbers up – barriers to access remain

The Australian Practice Nurse workforce is increasing, but patients still face barriers to accessing their care, according to a new survey released today by the Australian General Practice Network (AGPN).

Practice Nurses – nurses who work in Australia's 7000 general practices – have increased in numbers by more than 15 percent in the past two years from 7728 to 8914, continuing a trend in growing nurse numbers since the survey was first undertaken in 2003.

AGPN Chair, Dr Emil Djacic said Practice Nurses make a significant contribution to general practice.

Copies of the report and supplementary paper can be found at: <http://generalpracticenursing.com.au/>

Source: AGPN News release 28th March 2010

Useful links

Government

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

Midwives and Nurses Board:

<http://www.nmb.nsw.gov.au/>

Royal College of Nursing Australia:

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/>

Publications

Medical Observer *Practice Nurse*

<http://www.medicalobserver.com.au/PracticeNurse/Default.aspx>

Immunisation

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

International Year of the Nurse (2010 IYN)

Read stories from nurses around the world, and see what's new on the 2010IYN website.

http://www.2010iynurse.net/About_Us.aspx

WELCOME!

We welcome the following new nurse to our Division:

Sue Dimock

Family Medical Practice North Manly

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Event	Date	Organiser	Location
CPR Update for GPs, Practice Nurses & Practice Staff	Tue 21 st April 6.30 – 9.00pm	MWDGP, Royal Life Saving Australia	Mona Vale Hospital -Staff Dev. Unit
Chronic Disease Management – Medicare Item 10997 with a focus on Diabetes.	Wed 28 th April 6.30 – 9.00pm	MWDGP	DY RSL Colonial Room
Wound Care Management Workshop	Sat May (tba) 9.30 – 3.00pm	MWDGP, 3M	DY RSL
Legal and Professional Issues	June 2010 6.30 – 9.00pm	MWDGP	Mona Vale Hospital Staff Dev. Unit
Christmas in July SOCIAL	July 2010 7pm	MWDGP	tba