

Trauma resources for children

The tragic death of a school boy at St Patrick's College at Shorncliffe in February has affected many including students, teachers, parents and the community in general. Queensland Health is working with St Patrick's College to establish a local response coordination team. Part of their work has been to distribute information and resources regarding the impact of traumatic incidents on children, young people and communities.

Facts sheets on trauma, loss and grief can be found at:

- Australian Child & Adolescent Trauma, Loss & Grief Network – www.earlytraumagriev.anu.edu.au
- Queensland Health disaster management – www.health.qld.gov.au/mentalhealth/useful_links/disaster_facts.asp

Speakers online

GPpartners maintains a list of health related and business organisation and individuals who are willing to provide information sessions or 'seminars' to GP learning groups. See the list at www.gppartners.com.au/page/education/small_group

Federal Government to fund all primary care

The Prime Minister announced details around the Government's health reform agenda on Wednesday, 3 March. They include plans for the Commonwealth Government to take full responsibility for funding all general practice and primary health care services in Australia. A single national network of hospitals will also be created, instead of eight separate systems, and the Commonwealth will fund all current outpatient services, initially at 60 per cent of recurrent expenditure, and then eventually will pay up to 100 per cent of 'the efficient price of primary health care equivalent' services.

Full details are available in the Government's report, *A National Health and Hospitals Network for Australia's Future* – www.yourhealth.gov.au

TPCH specialist outpatient changes

New clinics have started at Specialist Medical Services (Outpatients) at The Prince Charles Hospital. **New clinics are bulk billed to Medicare and require a named referral.** Referrals without a named specialist will be triaged and placed in existing clinic waiting lists. If there are significant waiting time differences, the hospital will contact GPs to advise. For a full list of specialists with Outpatient Clinics visit www.health.qld.gov.au/northside/html/sms_specialists.asp. For more info, phone Medical Administration 07 3139 4220.

Apply now to study Medical Assisting in 2010!

Enrolments for the **Certificate IV in Medical Practice Assisting** (HLT 43307) are now open through the GPpartners' campus of Healthfirst Training, a Registered Training Organisation and provider of nationally accredited qualifications from the Health Training Package.

This qualification is **ideally suited to receptionists currently employed in General Practice**, and focuses on both administrative and clinical assisting procedures including records keeping, medico-legal issues, occupational health and safety, cold chain management, sterilisation, ECGs, spirometry, audiometry and much more.

The qualification comprises of online education and assessment linked with in-practice supervision by a GP or nurse, and face-to-face clinical skills training.

Funding available for students and employers (criteria apply).

To apply, or for more info visit www.gppartners.com.au or contact Simon Moore on 07 3630 7318 or e-mail simon.moore@gppartners.com.au

Secure messaging update

The following is a list of Specialists and Pharmacies who've recently connected to Medical Objects secure messaging. If you'd like to get connected or if you know of any Specialists, allied health or even Pharmacies you would like to see on the list, give us a call. Ask for Mat, Kristy or Donna. Ph 07 3630 7300.

Specialists:

- Dr Mark Dekkers – Orthopaedic Surgeon
- Brisbane Bone and Joint Centre – Dr Robert Cooke – Orthopaedic Surgeon
- Dr Justin Hundloe – Thoracic Medicine
- Dr Mark Davoren – Paediatric Surgeon
- Dr Mike McGill – Paediatric Surgeon

Allied Health:

- Fortus Health - Physiotherapy

Pharmacies:

- Kallangur Discount Drugstore
- Sharolyn Visser – Accredited Pharmacists

Westmead child health diploma

The Children's Hospital Westmead offers a Diploma in Child Health. One year, part-time distance education program comprising 111 hours of lectures and supporting material, delivered online or via DVD. The course equips participants with enhanced diagnostic, therapeutic and management skills. Successful graduates attain 2 units of Advanced Standing for the Master of Medicine (Paediatric Medicine) from the University of Sydney, also a distance education program. More info: www.chw.edu.au/dch

NCIRS new site

The National Centre for Immunisation Research & Surveillance has launched their new website – www.ncirs.edu.au. The site features new fact sheets and education tools for immunisation providers and health professionals and highlights current research and surveillance information.

Looking for a new job or rooms to lease?

www.gppartners.com.au/page/jobs

50+ GP jobs!
11 Practice Staff jobs!
2 x GP 'work wanted'
Room for a Psychologist

Join the Docceroots!

The **Australian Medical Football Team** is looking to bring home the trophy from this year's World Medical Football Championship, held in Innsbruck, Austria 10-17 July 2010.

The selection process allows opportunity to join the existing core group of Docceroots. You must be registered as a medical practitioner in Australia to qualify. **Trials and training sessions start in March!**

Details: ajones@chermsidemedicalcentre.com.au or www.chermsidemedicalcentre.com.au (See Medical Football under 'General Info')



SMOKING CESSATION SOLUTIONS

Do your smokers need help to quit?

Lyn Baucia, Smoking Cessation Specialist, Pharmacist and Director of 'No Puff – smoking cessation solutions' can help.

Lyn works with GPs to help patients quit smoking. Patients who are severely addicted or have difficulty quitting will benefit from individualised treatment, with pharmacotherapy and behavioural counselling.

Why Lyn?

- 15 years clinical experience
- Experience counselling patients taking Champix
- Evidence based medicine and latest treatments
- Works closely with GPs and clinical staff
- Can manage or monitor changes to medications associated with smoking cessation

Individually tailored sessions, small group programs or information seminars either in your practice or at a suitable venue.

Working with Lyn will benefit your patients and your practice.

Clients include: Australian Defence Force, Queensland Police Service, Arnotts, RioTinto-Kestrel Coal, and Global Food Equipment.



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EDUCATION

Info / Book | www.gppartners.com.au/page/education or ph 07 3630 7300

Practice Nurses & Managers Network

Join our Practice Managers or Practice Nurses Network meeting for professional development and to catch up with colleagues. Share your experience and ask your questions. This combined meeting covers Recalls, Reminders and Registers.

9 March - Kedron Wavell Services Club, CHERMSIDE

Pracsoft

Our training is tailored so you learn what you need know. Sessions cover functions commonly used by both nurses and practice staff and are facilitated by certified, professional trainers. Great value for money! Fees: \$93.75* financial members; \$125 non-financial members. (**Applies to individual financial members*). Note cancellation policy applies.

23 March - GPartners, LUTWYCHE

Case for Medicines

Brisbane north GPs and Pharmacists are invited to join our expert presenter for a case based discussion on therapeutic choices for menopausal symptoms. Discuss issues including efficacy of oestrogen in managing symptoms, assessing cardiovascular risk and reviewing safety data on complementary and alternative therapies.

24 March - The Pavilion, BREAKFAST CREEK

A Case Discussion with Heart

You're in the driving seat at this Cardiac CPD evening as you steer the education seminar by providing case studies and questions! St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital's Dr Elisabeth Donnelly, and GP Dr Anita Green will join you to discuss

treatment and management issues raised in your case studies. Get advice on managing MI post-discharge or managing patients with heart disease and diabetes. Send us your interesting cases that you have questions about.

**14 April - GPartners, LUTWYCHE.
RSVP Susan Walsh 07 3834 4371**

Young Minds

Young Minds offers skills-focused training to assist with managing mental health disorders in young people. Designed as a prevention and early intervention program, Young Minds focuses on identification, diagnosis and treatment of high prevalence mental health disorders that occur in young people between 12 and 24 years of age. GPMHSC accredited Mental Health Skills Training.

17 April - GPartners, LUTWYCHE

What's on elsewhere **Info** | www.gppartners.com.au/page/education/other

Prevention is Better Than Cure

A Queensland Wound Care Association free morning info session. The treatment of wounds can last for many years and cost thousands of dollars. Yet wounds are largely preventable. Attend this session to learn from wound care experts and researchers about how to prevent wounds and hear the personal experiences of patients. Topics include: Promoting Healthy Skin in Residential Aged Care, Pressure Ulcer Prevention, Diabetic Foot Ulcer Prevention and Preventing Venous Leg Ulcer Recurrence and more; an expert panel will also feature. 9.30am – 11.30am. RSVP to info@qwca.org.au or phone QWCA Secretariat 07 3348 7380.

**16 March, Masonic Care Sandgate
info@qwca.org.au or ph 07 3348 7380**

Opioid Substitution Treatment Prescribers training

Opioid substitution treatment is a specific treatment modality for people with problems related to dependence on opioids, whether pharmaceutical such as morphine and oxycodone, over-the-counter such as Nurofen Plus (Regd), or heroin. This free course covers assessment, protocols for starting patients on buprenorphine, opioid substitution, maintenance and withdrawal. A 1 day clinical placement will be arranged as part of prescriber accreditation. Ph 07 3837 5710 or 07 3328 9890.

17 & 24 March

Overcoming bulimia nervosa and binge eating

Interactive 2-day workshop presented by experienced eating disorder therapists. The workshop will provide an overview

of bulimia nervosa and binge eating, key cognitive behavioural treatment concepts, and practical skill development in evidence-based self help strategies. Prior knowledge of CBT, bulimia nervosa or binge eating not required. Ph 07 3114 0810 or 07 3114 0809

**18 & 19 March
Building 14, 'Rosemount', Windsor**

Work-Life Balance: Lessons from Parenting Programs Targeting Working Parents

Explore the feasibility and efficacy of using the workplace as a setting to promote positive parenting practices. Presented by Matthew Sanders, Prof of Clinical Psychology and founder of the Triple P-Positive Parenting Program. Ph 07 3274 1886.

22 March, Jindalee Hotel & Function Centre