

Weekly News

Wednesday 31st March 2010

Non - Attendance at FGPN Events

Due to a large number of non-attendee's recently FGPN has adopted a new process whereby cancellations made less than 48 hours before the event and failure to attend will incur a \$40 fee to cover our costs.

FGPN Counselling Service – a patient initiated service

A reminder to all GPs that this is a patient initiated service. We have received an increased number of referrals during March however many of these clients are yet to ring to make an appointment. For all recent and future referrals, please remind clients that they must ring to make the first appointment. This information should also be given to the client at the time of the referral, in the form of the patient Service Information Sheet which is included in your GP Referral Kit and can also be photocopied. Please contact Julie Skevington or Isabella Underwood at FGPN if you would like more Service Information Sheets or a new GP Referral Kit.

You will be notified in writing if your client has not contacted the service within a month of FGPN receiving the referral.

GP Input Required

The WA Department of Health Spinal Pain Implementation Working Group, follows on from a Working Party that developed the newly approved WA Department of Health, Spinal Pain Model of Care. The Spinal Pain Implementation Group is chaired by Dr Stephanie Davies (FHHS) and is actively looking for a GP representative for Primary Care input. A range of other health professionals, specialists and consumers are already represented in this group. The group meets monthly, generally from 4.30-6.00pm, and generally in East Fremantle.

If you are interested in spinal pain and have some time available please contact:- Dr Helen Slater at the School of Physiotherapy, Curtin University of Technology via email:-H.Slater@curtin.edu.au

National Prescribing Service (NPS) consumer resources:

Sleep Right, Sleep Tight – Natural sleep before medicines

The latest NPS education program Management options to maximise sleep encourages prescribers to recommend non-drug therapies as first-line treatment for insomnia and to discuss the importance of good sleep practices and the potential harms of hypnotic medicines with the patient before prescribing hypnotics. Educational visiting (case study or one-to-one visits) on this new NPS topic will commence soon.

To promote the Sleep Right, Sleep Tight message, a range of consumer resources has been developed by the National Prescribing Service:

- Sleep Right, Sleep Tight : Consumer factsheet
- Sleep Right, Sleep Tight : Sleep diary
- Sleep Right, Sleep Tight : Door hanger

To order small quantities of these consumer resources (20 or less per item) please contact Lorna Hurst on 9319 0555 or email lorna.hurst@fremantlegpnetwork.com.au. For larger quantities go to: http://www.nps.org.au/health_professionals/order_free_information/order_now

Faxback Upcoming Events

Nurse - assisted chronic disease clinics

Part 1 - Motivating your patients

Tuesday, 20th April 2010

6.00 - 8.30pm

Fremantle GP Network

10 Silas Street, East Fremantle

YES, I would like to attend

Nurse - assisted chronic disease clinics

Part 2 - Practical aspects of running a clinic

Tuesday, 27th April 2010

6.00 - 8.30pm

Fremantle GP Network

10 Silas Street, East Fremantle

YES, I would like to attend

For more information about any of the above upcoming workshops, please contact your PLP Officer at Fremantle GP Network on 9319 0555.

Please place practice stamp or name here for any of the above

A reminder of your meeting attendance will be made 1 week prior to the event.

How would you like this reminder?

- Via email* _____
- Via SMS* _____
- Reminder not required

Summary of new Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item numbers: general practice and allied health

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/communityhealth/gps/mbs_gp/

This website lists item number according to 'steps that must be taken to claim the Medicare item; medicare rules relating to the frequency of service; role of the GP; roles that can be performed by practice nurses or Aboriginal health workers on behalf of and under the supervision of a GP; main information web link.'

Intimate GP dinner invitation to discuss male prosthetic urology

Urologic Surgeons **Dr Jeffrey Thavaseelan** and **Dr Shane La Bianca** of Urology West, Murdoch, request the pleasure of your company for a GP Dinner to discuss everything you need to know about Male Prosthetic Urology.

Topics include:

Implantable penile prostheses, artificial urinary sphincters and mesh slings for the treatment of post prostatectomy complications such as erectile dysfunction and urinary incontinence.

Date: Tuesday 20th April 2010

Time: 7pm

Venue: Shun Fung on the River
Chinese Seafood Restaurant
Old Perth Port
Barrack Square Jetty (next to Bell Tower)

DUE TO LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE IT
IS REQUESTED THAT ONLY ONE GP
PER PRACTICE ATTEND.

registration

NAME: _____

FROM: _____

TEL / MB: _____

EMAIL: _____

- YES, I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ATTEND YOUR DINNER ON TUESDAY 20TH APRIL
- NO, I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BEING CONTACTED TO ORGANISE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES
- DIETARY REQUIREMENT _____

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RSVP BY WEDNESDAY 14TH APRIL 2010

Via fax to (02) 9427 6296 or email AMSAustralia@ammd.com
For further information on the evening, please contact Trudi Franklin
of AMS on 0422 770 805