



Fremantle  
GP Network

# Weekly News

Wednesday 5th May 2010

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## URGENT Data Required: Temporary suspension of WA Paediatric (6 months to 4 years) Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Program

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS) are trying to solve the problem of the apparent increase of febrile convulsions in those children under 5 who have been given a seasonal flu vaccine.

The TGA are seeking URGENT data from general practices and are requesting the assistance of practices with the following:

- Could practices send all under 7 year old flu data to ACIR asap and check to see if it appears on the child's history statement...
- Check or make sure the correct vaccine details (Influvac, Fluvax or Vaxigrip and batch no.) were included.
- If practices use Best Practice as their software, please double check to see if ALL flu data has gone through to ACIR (there has been quite a few complaints that the flu information stored in Best Practice has not gone through for some reason...)

TGA would appreciate this being done by **COB Friday 7 May** (this week). They respect that the timeframe that has been requested may be viewed as unreasonable, however, without this data it makes it very difficult to isolate the reasons for the existing problems associated with this vaccination program.

## NPS Clinical Audits : Improving Clinical Practice For Better Patient Health

There are currently two NPS paper-based clinical audits on offer for the 2010/2011 PIP year:

- Use of benzodiazepines, zolpidem and zopiclone in insomnia (closing date extended to 21 May 2010); and
- Management of stable COPD and smoking cessation (closing date 4 June 2010)

To enrol, go to: [http://www.nps.org.au/health\\_professionals/](http://www.nps.org.au/health_professionals/) activities or complete the attached enrolment forms and fax to NPS : 02 9283 2028

## Medicare Changes To After Hours Attendance Items May 2010

### Increasing the time period

- Urgent after hours items will have a new commencement time of 6pm on weekdays and 12pm (noon) on Saturdays.
- Non-urgent after hours items provided out of consulting rooms will also commence at 6pm on weekdays and 12pm (noon) on Saturdays.

This effectively means that urgent attendances between 6-8pm weekdays and 12pm (noon) to 1pm on Saturdays (previously known as 'transitional hours items') will be absorbed into the urgent after hours attendance item.

For further information visit [www.health.gov.au/mbsonline](http://www.health.gov.au/mbsonline)

## Faxback Upcoming Events Practice Nurse Kidney Health Event Change in Date

Please note that the date for the practice nurse kidney health event has been changed from the 5th May 2010 to 25th May 2010. This is to avoid clashing with the other events on the 5th.

**Tuesday, 25th May 2010**  
**6pm registration and refreshments,**  
**6.30pm session begins**  
**Fremantle GP Network**

**Training Room, 10, Silas Street, East Fremantle**

**YES**, I would like to attend  
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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

## Immunisation

Australia's Chief Medical Officer has issued a new letter to immunisation providers and media statement with the latest information on the temporary seasonal influenza vaccine suspension for children aged 5 years and under. Updated information is also available at [www.immunise.health.gov.au](http://www.immunise.health.gov.au).

Useful links for general practice teams:

Information from the Department of Health and Ageing: [www.immunise.health.gov.au](http://www.immunise.health.gov.au)

The Australian Immunisation Handbook 9th edition: [www.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/Handbookinfluenza](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/Handbookinfluenza)

Information from the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance on vaccine safety:

• Factsheets for immunisation providers on the influenza vaccine: [www.ncirs.usyd.edu.au/immunisation/factsheets/influenza-fact-sheet.pdf](http://www.ncirs.usyd.edu.au/immunisation/factsheets/influenza-fact-sheet.pdf)

• Addressing patient/parent concerns about immunisation: [www.ncirs.usyd.edu.au/immunisation/factsheets/parent-resources-factsheet](http://www.ncirs.usyd.edu.au/immunisation/factsheets/parent-resources-factsheet).

State contact details for local public health unit (for doctors only)

**WA - (08) 388 4868 or (08) 388 4878 or AH: (08) 9328 0553**

EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE  
**NEW CLOSING DATE**  
**21 MAY 2010**

clinical  
**audit**



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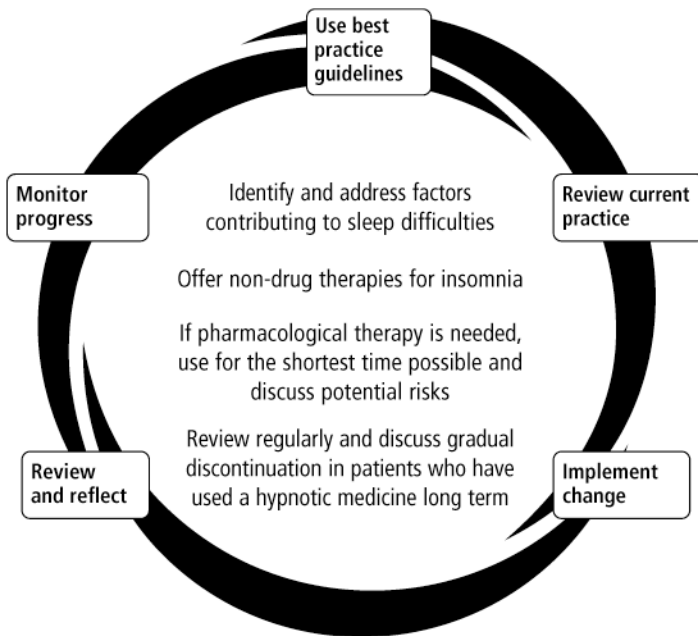
## Clinical audit: Use of benzodiazepines, zolpidem and zopiclone in insomnia

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### Best practice in the use of benzodiazepines, zolpidem or zopiclone for insomnia



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Online at: [www.nps.org.au/clinical\\_audits](http://www.nps.org.au/clinical_audits)

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Submit initial data collection by  
**Friday 21 MAY**, for completion  
 of the clinical audit by **November 2010**.

This clinical audit activity has been approved by the RACGP QA&CPD Program, total points: 40 (Category 1) and by the ACRRM PD Program for 30 points (extended skills) in the 2008–2010 triennium. Points are awarded only to participants who complete the review phase. This audit is recognised for the Quality Prescribing Initiative of the Practice Incentives Program (May 2010 to April 2011)

### Participant details:

GP       GP registrar       Other medical specialist

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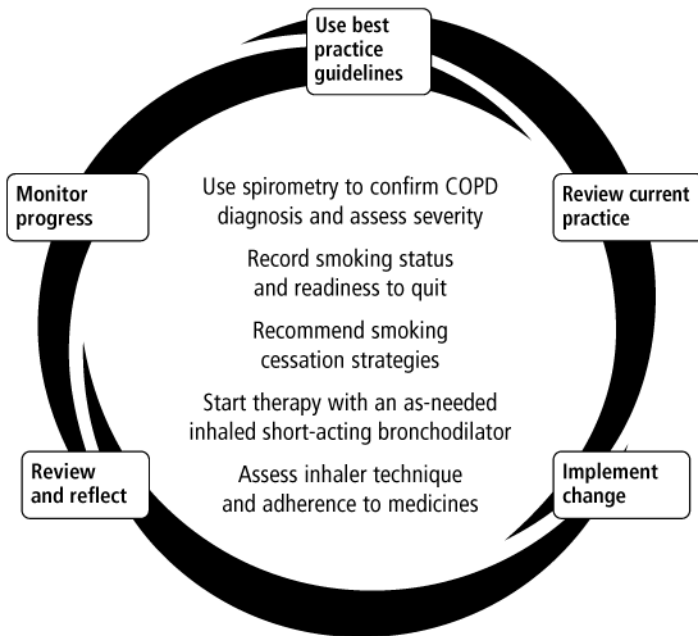
## Clinical audit: Management of stable COPD and smoking cessation

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### Best practice in the management of patients with stable COPD and smoking cessation



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