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Budget 2010

The budget was released on 12 May 2010 and the focus was certainly on primary health care. We have put together a budget overview outlining changes which will affect general practice. There is certainly a lot of discussion points and questions surrounding some of the reforms. Getting the discussion ball rolling, on 11 May an article, facilitated by FGPN, featuring Dr Hilary Fine from East Fremantle Medical Centre appeared in The West Australian. The article was exploring the funding allocated to increasing the number of nurses in general practice, Dr Fine made the valid point that infrastructure grants may also be required in order to make room for this increase.

For an overview of the changes to health please go to: http://www.budget.gov.au/2010-11/content/glossy/health/html/health_overview_01.htm or to take a look at the full budget go to: <http://www.health.gov.au/budget2010>.

Medicare Australia: Late amendment to download 1 May 2010 Category 1 download files

MBS item 10992 - Higher Bulk-Billing Incentive for after hours and unsociable hours services - was inadvertently overlooked and consequently, not amended when the MBS Review changes were made. To address this issue item 10985 will be introduced on 1 May for doctors to use when claiming the higher bulk-billing incentive for item 597, 598, 599 or 600.

From 1 May 2010 to 30 June 2010 doctors claiming the higher bulk-billing incentive for MBS items 597, 598, 599 or 600 will need to use a new item 10985. On 1 July doctors should resume using item 10992 for all after hours items.

From 1 May 2010, doctors claiming the higher bulk-billing incentive for after hours items 5003-5267 should continue to use item 10992. Legal advice has indicated that the changes that were made to item 10992 in the 1 May 2010 Summary, Complete MBS and Category 1 download files that have been published on MBS Online, are incorrect and that an amended Summary, Complete MBS and Category 1 download files have now been published to reinstate item 10992 back to the original description as per 1 January 2010 download files.

10992 will be amended for the 1 July 2010 to incorporate all the new MBS Review item number changes. Eligible areas remain unchanged. Items 10990 and 10991 remain unchanged.

These download files have been updated to include new item 10985 and can be found at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/Content/Downloads-201005>

Kaleeya Maternity Unit GP Education sessions

The first meeting for 2010 of the KMU evening GP education session will be held on THURSDAY 20th MAY from 7pm for a 730 start. The meeting topic is "The pregnant teenager and the KEMH Adolescent Antenatal Unit". A full invitation is attached.

Cancer Council Clinical Assessment Skills Workshop

This one day workshop is targeted at health professionals working in palliative care to enhance skills in clinical assessment of patients with a life limiting illness.

Thursday 15 July 2010
9.00am - 4.00pm

The Boulevard Centre, 99 The boulevard Floreat
Cost is \$85.00 inc GST

For further information or to RSVP please contact the Cancer Council Professional Development Centre 9382 9300 or email Padministration@cancerwa.asn.au

Faxback Upcoming Events

An Introduction to Enduring Powers of Guardianship and Advance Health Directives - presented by the Office of the Public Advocate.

Legislation is now in effect in WA which enables adults to make an Enduring Power of Guardianship (EPG) and an Advance Health Directive (AHD) to direct how lifestyle and treatment decisions will be made if they lose the capacity to make these decisions themselves.

Following the session, participants will have an understanding of:

- the amendments to the Guardianship and Administration Act 1990
- the legislative requirements of completing an EPG and an AHD
- how EPGs and AHDs will operate
- the amended hierarchy of decision-makers for treatment decisions
- the legal responsibilities of service providers with regard to the new legislation and how they will be able to assist their clients.

Tuesday 29th June 2010 6:30 - 8:30pm
Venue to be confirmed

Registrations close 22nd June 2010. For further information contact Daniele McGrath on 9319 0555 or email daniele.mcgrath@fremantlegpnetwork.com.au

YES, I would like to attend

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

BUDGET 2010 – GENERAL PRACTICE

General Practice & Primary Care

Establishing independent Primary Health Care Organisations & improving access to afterhours care

FUNDING - \$416.8 MILLION OVER 4 YEARS

- \$290 million to establish Primary Health Care Organisations (PHCOs), called “Medicare Locals.”
- \$126 million for After Hours Program.

The afterhours payments will run through PHCOs which will evolve from general practice networks like Fremantle GP Network. The PHCOs will have flexible funding to provide support for General Practitioners, but also to deliver services to patients.

A personally controlled electronic health record system for all Australians

FUNDING - \$467 MILLION OVER 2 YEARS

An opt-in secure personally controlled electronic health record system. This will support infrastructure, governance and standards development. Implementation of the system will initially focus on people who have the most contact with the health and hospital system.

NOTE: It is expected that primary health care systems, including those in general practice, will be among the first to be able to populate an electronic health record.

Improved primary care infrastructure

FUNDING - \$ 355.2 MILLION OVER 3 YEARS

Construction of around 23 new GP Super Clinics and to upgrade and extend approximately 425 existing general practice and primary health care facilities. This funding is to improve team-based care and extend the delivery of GP Super Clinic style services across Australia.

Coordinated diabetes care

FUNDING - \$449 MILLION OVER 4 YEARS

To reduce the health impacts of chronic disease on patients and the broader community through commencement in 2010-11 of a nationally consistent chronic disease program for people diagnosed with diabetes.

From July 2012, patients can voluntarily enrol with their general practice for proactive management of their diabetes and other primary health care needs. Incentives will be available for GPs to achieve targeted levels of health care and outcomes as part of this initiative. The Government's new funding will cover services required for patients, including the cost of routine GP visits for ongoing primary health care, and chronic disease care provided by the patient's GP and allied health professionals.

Boosting Health Workforce

More nurses in general practice

FUNDING - \$390.3 MILLION OVER FOUR YEARS

To support almost the equivalent of 4600 full time practice nurses in general practice. For the first time, GPs in urban areas will be eligible for funding to help employ practice nurses. Annual incentive payments of \$25,000 per full time GP for a registered nurse and \$12,500 for an enrolled nurse will be made available to eligible accredited general practices from 2010-11.

By 2013-14 it is expected that approximately 4,537 general practices will receive more funding – worth \$31,500 on average per practice.

More mental health nurses

FUNDING - \$13.0 MILLION OVER 2 YEARS

To employ 136 mental health nurses. The Commonwealth's funding will increase support through the Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program (MHNiP) which provides payments to appropriate providers and organisations, such as general practice which engage mental health nurses.

Training more doctors

FUNDING - \$640 MILLION OVER 4 YEARS

Deliver an additional 5,500 training places for GPs, 680 medical specialists and 5,400 pre-vocational general practice program (PGPPP) training places over the coming decade. This funding will double the number of places for medical graduates training to become a GP to 1,200 a year by 2014.

Kaleeya Women's Health GP Education Program

Approved as RACGP Category 1 Active Learning Module (Women's health) Activity (No. 738 289)

Kaleeya Hospital invites all GPs to attend the seventh of its series of nine Women's Health GP Evenings for this triennium. This program has been approved by RACGP as an Active Learning Module (Women's health) Activity (No. 738 289). To qualify for the 40 Category 1 points, GPs are required to attend at least six hours or four sessions over the triennium.

Date:

THURSDAY 20th May 2010

Regular attendees are alerted to the change of day of week for this meeting.

TOPIC:

The pregnant teenager and the KEMH Adolescent Antenatal Clinic.

Where:

Kaleeya Hospital Seminar Room,

cnr Staton and Wolseley Road, East Fremantle, ph 9319 0300 fax 9319 0325

When: 1900 for 1930 – 2100

Session Program

1900 – 1930	Light meal and networking opportunity
1930 – 1935	Welcome, Debbie McKay, GP Liaison Kaleeya Hospital
1935 – 2055	'The pregnant teenage and the KEMH Adolescent Antenatal Clinic' Presentation by the KEMH Adolescent Unit ANC team

Each presenter has time for questions and case discussions at the end of their session.

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RSVP by Thursday 12th May 2010 for session on Thursday 20th May 2010

Dr Debbie McKay, GP Liaison Kaleeya Hospital

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Via FAX 9319 0325

or Mail: Kaleeya GP Liaison, C/- Administration Secretary,
Kaleeya Hospital, PO Box 480, Fremantle, WA 6959

Name _____

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CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS/MANAGEMENT OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Where: The Red Herring
26 Riverside Road
East Fremantle

When: Tuesday 8th June, 2010

Time: 6:00pm for 6:45pm start

Presentation by **Dr. Andrew Liu**

(Consultant cardiologist/cardiac electrophysiologist - Rockingham General Hospital.)

Dinner to follow.

RSVP 31st May

To: Helen Brown on (fax) 9527 1193

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* Confirmation of attendance will be sent via e-mail

Category 2 RACGP QA&CPD points will be awarded.