



Weekly News

Friday 4th June 2010

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 9319 0555

REMINDER

Fremantle GP After Hours Practice
Open Until Midnight Seven Days A Week

Fremantle GP After Hours Practice provides care for patients who require medical attention on evenings, weekends and public holidays when their normal surgery is closed. Health Care Card holders and children under the age of 16 are bulk billed; other patients are charged the Medicare rebate plus \$20.00. Progress notes are forwarded at the patients request. Address: Block A, Fremantle Hospital, South Terrace, Fremantle 9430 8912. Appointments are not necessary.

Smoking Free WA Health:

Online Brief Tobacco Intervention Training

Smoking kills 15,500 people in Australia each year, 1 in every 2 smokers are dying from a smoking related cause.

This evidence based, best practice training program has been developed by the National Drug Research Institute for Smoke Free WA Health and is available to anyone with an interest in smoking cessation.

This **FREE** on-line training provides you with:

- A description of the nature of tobacco smoking in Australia
- An understanding of the Smoke Free WA Health Policy and
- Brief intervention and motivational interviewing skills

This training program does not need to be completed in one sitting, if interested visit <http://ndri.curtin.edu.au/btntp/>. For guidelines and resources visit <http://www.health.wa.gov.au> or for more information contact (08)9489 2860.

Interactive Forum on Obesity

Facilitated by General Practice and Primary Health Care Research Unit, School of Medicine

Wednesday 9 June 2010
6pm: Reception
6.30 - 8.30pm: Forum

Presenters include: Assoc Prof Alan Wright - (GP), Ms Suzanne Jenkins - (Counsellor) and Mr Leon Cohen - (Surgeon)

For more information contact Diane Arnold-Reed on (08) 9433 0698 or email darnold-reed@nd.edu.au.

Demystifying Medicare: Saturday 26 June 2010

The Medical Advisor from the Health Advisory Branch of Medicare Australia WA Office will present a joint RACGP / WAGPN event at the Wollaston Conference Centre, Mount Claremont between 9:00am and 11:30am on Saturday 26 June.

Open to GPs, Practice Nurses and other practice staff, this session will assist participants in their understanding of recent changes to the Medicare Benefits Schedule. Further event information can be obtained by downloading the workshop flyer and registration form available at www.wagpnetwork.com.au.

Faxback Upcoming Events

An Introduction to Enduring Powers of Guardianship and Advance Health Directives

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.

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

Home Medicines Review support to finish on 30 June 2010 : make contact now if you need HMR support

Under the Fifth Pharmacy Agreement, funding for the Home Medicines Review (HMR) Facilitator position will cease on 30 June 2010. HMRs (Item 900) will continue, but the program will be modified to focus on those patients deemed to be most at risk of medication misadventure.

What does this mean for you? It means that individual and practice HMR support to GPs and Practice Nurses, particularly in relation to the benefits and process of HMR referral, will not continue. In addition, liaison and collaboration with community and accredited pharmacists will cease. So if you would like to know more about the benefits of HMRs and the process involved in initiating a referral, please contact me prior to 30 June 2010 to avoid any disappointment in the future.

A range of HMR resources are available to support you, including a new HMR consumer brochure, process flow chart, referral forms and Medical Director HMR template guidelines. Contact Lorna Hurst on 9319 0555 for further information

YES, I am interested, please contact me.

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