



Fremantle
GP Network

FOR ALL PRACTICE STAFF

Weekly News

Friday 2nd July 2010

GP Census

All practices will receive either by post or email an invitation to take part in GP Census 2010. This is the first time FGPN has participated in the Census and we urge all practices and GPs to complete the surveys. The results will provide a clearer picture of the general practice workforce, chronic disease management, and practice capacity. From broader WA wide perspective, the surveys will be used to identify districts of workforce shortage and review divisional and GP communication methods, bridge gaps in national datasets.

IMPORTANT

FGPN Counselling Service Fax Restored

The technical issues with the COUNSELLING SERVICE FAX (9339 8455 or 9467 2410) have been resolved. Please use either of these numbers for all new referrals. Reminder: if you faxed a referral to these numbers between 11 – 28 June you will need to re-fax.

Please contact Isabella Underwood if you require any additional information.

FGPN Counselling Service – appointments available

The Fremantle GP Network Counselling Service is available for referrals for patients that meet the following criteria:

- aged 16 years and over;
- qualify for a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan;
- would benefit from short term intervention (up to 12 appointments); and
- are unable to afford private psychological services.

Week-day appointments are freely available and FGPN also offers a limited number of evening and Saturday morning appointments.

Please remember this is a patient initiated service. After you have faxed the referral to FGPN, 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.

Chronic Disease Management Medicare Items: Questions and Answers Manual

This manual, produced by the Department of Health and Ageing, assists GPs to manage the health care of patients with a chronic or terminal medical condition. It provides answers and guidance on questions relating to Medicare eligibility and rules. Key topics discussed in this manual include: GP Management Plans; Team Care Arrangements; Multidisciplinary Care Plans for Patients in Aged Care Facilities and CDM Allied Health Items. This manual can be found on the Department of Health and Ageing's Website at <http://www.health.gov.au>

Primary Care Infrastructure Grants

The Invitation to Apply Documentation for the Primary Care Infrastructure Grants under the GP Super Clinics Program (ITA 436/0910) is now available for download from the Department's Tenders and Grants web page at: <http://www.health.gov.au/tenders>

The closing date for applications is 2pm local Canberra time, Friday, 20 August 2010.

Faxback

Upcoming Events

CST Cultural Safety Training

Working Better in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health

Fremantle GP Network in conjunction with the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) would like to invite General Practitioners, Practice Nurses and Staff to attend Module 1, Introduction to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health, Cultural Safety Training. This 3 Hour module is designed to help health professionals understand the historical and cultural context of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health. AHCWA recommends this workshop to all people working in all areas of health. This training meets the requirements for PIP Indigenous Health Incentive. Please note 2 staff members from a practice (one of whom must be a GP) must complete appropriate cultural awareness training within 12 months of the practice signing up for the incentive.

Tuesday July 27th 2010
Venue to be confirmed

5.30pm registration for 6.00pm start and 9.00pm finish
Cost will be free to all GPs, PNs, and Practice staff
Light refreshments to be provided

* Workshop attracts 8 Category 2 point and 4 CNE points

RSVP by 14th July 2010 or for more information contact Maisie on 9319 0555 or email maisie.stokes@fremantlegonetwork.com.au

YES, I would like to attend

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

Practice Nurse Clinical Education

The Perth Practice Nurse Clinical Organisation is running a conference which aims to educate, update and refresh practice nurses across key clinical areas applied in day-to-day primary care. The workshop is designed to provide nurses with the opportunity to discuss and network with other practice nurses within Western Australia

Friday 16th and Saturday 17th July 2010
Botanical Building, Burswood Entertainment Complex

More information can be found at www.pnce.com.au or by contacting Belinda Hoy on (02) 9422 2941.

Immunisation- Deceased children

Please note that in the case of a deceased child, part of the process of closing the patient notes need to include informing relevant authorities e.g. ACIR. The ACIR takes all possible care to avoid adding to the distress of bereaved parents. If immunisation providers are aware of the death of a child, they can inform the ACIR by sending the details on their practice stationery or by contacting the ACIR on 1800 653 809.

FAXBACK TO 9339 8355

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 9319 0555

