



Fremantle
GP Network

FOR ALL PRACTICE STAFF

Weekly News

Friday 9th July 2010

GP Census

The GP and Practice Census is due to close on the 23rd of July. The results will help provide a clearer picture of the general practice workforce, chronic disease management, and practice capacity. Please complete the survey as soon as possible. Contact Corrie Cockayne FGPN if you are having any trouble returning your survey or if you need another copy of the survey on 08 9319 0555.

Guide to Medicines Information Resources for Health Professionals

Following the discontinuation of TAIS, a guide to medicine information sources has been made available on the NPS website and includes links to evidence-based sources relevant to Australian practice. For more information visit http://www.nps.org.au/health_professionals/guide_to_medicines_information_resources

Medicines Line

From 1 July 2010, the NPS consumer information service, Medicines Line, will be delivered in collaboration with the National Healthcare Call Centre Network service, healthdirect Australia. It will have a new phone number: 1300 MEDICINE (1300 633 424).

healthdirect Australia is staffed by registered nurses, and will operate Monday to Friday, from 9am – 5pm (AEST)

Under the new model:

- Medicines related calls are answered by a healthdirect Australia nurse in the first instance and triaged on the basis of clear protocols as required
- Complex calls which fall outside the scope of national nursing standards will be referred to either the caller's doctor, community pharmacist, other health professional or to NPS
- NPS will operate an in-house pharmacist service with capacity to answer up to 10,000 calls per year. Calls will be referred to NPS from healthdirect Australia.

The Adverse Medicines Events line which NPS also funds will not be affected by these changes and its number remains the same (1300 134 237).

Final paper based NPS Clinical Audit for this PIP year – enrol now!

Review of opioid prescribing in chronic pain

The NPS has released the final paper-based clinical audit for the current PIP year. Participation in this clinical audit will assist GPs to:

- Identify patients who may benefit from a trial of an opioid and those who require pain specialist referral
- Review your management of patients prescribed an opioid for chronic non-cancer pain
- Reflect on education provided to patients on the potential benefits and harms of opioids and the importance of prescribing an opioid as part of a pain management plan
- Assess patient's response to opioid therapy and encourage self-monitoring (e.g. use of a pain diary) and engagement with broader non-drug strategies
- Identify patients using an opioid for chronic non-cancer pain long-term, and consider discontinuation or switching of opioid.

To enrol, go to: http://forms.nps.org.au/enrolments/CA_opioids_enrol.php or complete the attached enrolment form and fax to NPS : 02 9283 2028 by Friday 13 August 2010. Initial data collection must be submitted to NPS by Friday 10 September 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

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 20th July 2010 6:30 – 8:30pm

Fremantle GP Network, 10 Silas Street, East Fremantle

Registrations close 14th July 2010. For further information contact Daniele McGrath on 9319 0555 or email daniele.mcgrath@fremantlegonetwork.com.au.

YES, I would like to attend

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

National Diabetes Week - 11-17 July 2010

Diabetes WA are urging West Australians to take diabetes as well as their individual risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes very seriously. There are a number of factors that can increase the risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes, with obesity being a prime contributor; other than that people over 40 also have a greater risk even if they live a healthy lifestyle.

Further resources are available by contacting kate.bourne@diabetes.wa.au or visit www.diabeteswa.com.au.

FAXBACK TO 9339 8355

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 9319 0555

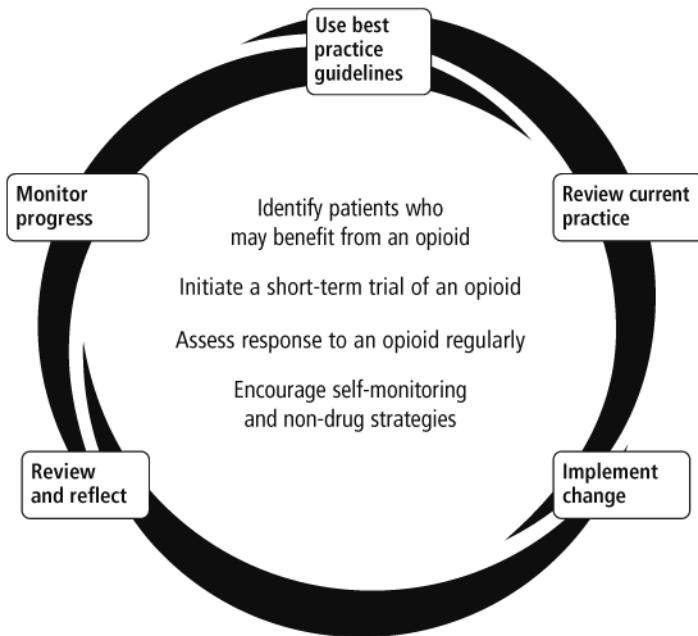
Clinical audit: Review of opioid prescribing in chronic pain

Improving clinical practice for better patient health

Best practice for the use of an opioid for chronic non-cancer pain



National Prescribing Service Limited



Enrol by Friday 13 August 2010

By fax: 02 9283 2028

By post: NPS Audits
PO Box 1147,
Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

Online at: www.nps.org.au/clinical_audits

Your free clinical audit pack will be sent by mail.

Submit initial data collection by
Friday 10 September 2010, for completion
of the clinical audit by **April 2011**.

This clinical audit activity has been approved by the RACGP QA&CPD Program, total points for steps 1–5: 40 (Category 1) and by the ACRRM PD Program for 30 points (extended skills) for 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

Please use BLOCK LETTERS

Title Dr Mr Mrs Miss Ms

Family name _____

Given name _____

Postal address _____

Town or Suburb _____

State or Territory Postcode

Phone no. () _____ Prescriber no. _____

Fax no. () _____ Provider no. _____

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For the QPI payment, a practice must be registered in the PIP and complete the required number of NPS activities, based on practice size. This number may equal three activities or more per full-time equivalent (FTE) GP and one in three activities must be an NPS-approved clinical audit. For a brochure about the QPI, see http://www.nps.org.au/resources/content/hpro_qpip.pdf



REBEL SPORT CITY-TO-SURF 2010

FREE REGISTRATION, FOOD, SHIRT & MARQUEE FOR FGPN PRACTICES

It's that time of year again; Fremantle GP Network will be participating alongside Perth Radiological Clinic in the 2010 Rebel Sport City to Surf, benefiting Activ Foundation, to be held on the 29th of August 2010.

We would like as many GPs and practice staff as possible to join us in this great event. Not only is it for a great cause, it is also an opportunity to improve our health and fitness.

All practice staff and GPs will have their registration costs covered. We encourage and extend the invitation to family members and friends, however unfortunately are unable to cover the cost of their registration fee. All participants, family and friends included, in the team will be provided with a team shirt, food, drink and access to our marquee.

To get the organisation of the event on the way and build the excitement of the team we would like to know approximate numbers. If your workplace would like to take up the challenge and endeavour to engage in a health wise event please fill out the following indicating how many staff, family & friends will be participating.

Yes, my practice would like to participate: _____ staff are interested in joining the team.

PRACTICE:				
Name	Job Role	Event*	Date of Birth**	Shirt Size***

* Events include: 42km Marathon, 21km Half Marathon, 12km run, 12km walk, 11km wheelchair, or 4km walk/run. Please don't forget to include the start group you would like for the 12km

**DOB is required for registration

*** Shirts are men's style polo and sizes range from XS to XL

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