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Practice Nurse Incentive Program Applications now being accepted

Applications for the Practice Nurse Incentive Program (PNIP) are now being accepted. Application forms are available from www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/pnip

Practices wishing to apply for the PNIP, grandparenting, top-up or accreditation assistance will need to fill out the application form and provide the requested documentation to Medicare.

Practices already participating in the Practice Incentives Program, Practice Nurse Incentive are also required to apply for the PNIP.

Medicare will advise practices in writing on receipt of their application form. All applications received will be assessed for eligibility from 1 January 2012.

For more information about the PNIP email pnip@humanservices.gov.au or call 1800 222 032.

Mental Health Week—9-15 October 2011

Mental Health Week is an opportunity to focus on the mental health and wellbeing of your patients.

To view the events happening in Victoria for Mental Health Week please [click here](#)

RACGP Video Conferencing Standards

The RACGP has released its Addendum to the standards to incorporate video-conferencing in general practice.

[Click here for further details](#)

New Resources from the Heart Foundation

The resource, “*Living everyday with my heart failure*”, is a practical guide that provides culturally and clinically appropriate information pertinent to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with CHF.

Copies can be requested by calling the Heart Foundation’s Health Information Service on 1300 36 27 87 or by email health@heartfoundation.org.au

Additional support for headspace Central West Gippsland

headspace CWG has been successful in securing additional funds from the Latrobe City Community Gaming support fund. This grant of \$8300 will support the program in the implementation of a number of group programs over the next 12 months.

Rock and Water - The *Rock and Water* program aims to apply a physical/social approach to assist boys and girls in their development to adulthood by increasing their self-realisation, self-confidence, self-respect, boundary awareness, self-awareness and intuition.

D.R.U.M.B.E.A.T - Discovering Relationships Using Music - Beliefs, Emotions, Attitudes & Thoughts—The DRUMBEAT program is a music therapy intervention designed to engage young people most at risk of harm from the misuse of alcohol and other drugs.

The Happiness Project - Aims to teach young adults new skills and strategies that allow them to cope more effectively.

Want to know more about the 2011 RACGP PrimaryCare Sidebar?

The best way to understand the benefits of the 2011 PrimaryCare Sidebar is to participate in a webinar.

RACGP webinars are interactive and participants have the opportunity to ask questions during the demonstration.

For Practices who are interested in or have ordered the Primary Care Sidebar tool, webinars and further information can be obtained from the RACGP website or [click here](#)

Diabetes Exercise Group

Latrobe Community Health Service are offering exercise classes for people with Diabetes. These classes run on Wednesday afternoons and cost \$5 per participant.

Participants require medical clearance from their GP to attend.

See the flyer enclosed with this newsletter, [click here](#) or phone 1800 242 696.

Grants

Could your organisation or group use up to \$4000 to deliver community awareness programs?

Community grant applications are out now

Mind the Gap/ SHADE (Sexual Health and Diversity Enterprise) community grants are designed to support innovative and creative projects encouraging young people to think about the choices they make about their sexual health and to celebrate sexual diversity in rural and regional areas.

Grants are only open to organisations that target young gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer people aged 25 and under in rural and regional Victoria. Projects targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people will be prioritised.

[To find out more about Mind the Gap click here](#)

Invitation

Annual General Meeting

The Central West Gippsland Division of General Practice is proud to present our guest speaker for the 2011 Annual General Meeting **Prof John Murtagh AM**.

Prof Murtagh is best known as the author of several internationally adopted text books including General Practice, Practice Tips, Patient Education and Cautionary Tales.

Date: Thursday 1 December 2011 6.30pm –9.00pm

Venue: Division Training Room, 16 Kirk Street Moe

RSVP: Friday 25 November 2011

Dinner included so please advise dietary requirements.

For further information or to RSVP call the Division on 5126 2899 or email: reception@cwgdogp.com.au

Education & Training

Next program at West Gippsland Healthcare Group (WGHG) commences **Wednesday 19 October 2011, 7-9pm** at the Pettit Centre, Gladstone St, Warragul.



Patients aged 50+ who are at *high risk* of developing type 2 diabetes, or those 18+ years of age with specific pre & existing conditions are eligible (full eligibility can be found on the Division website by clicking [here](#).)

For further information about the Life! Program at WGHG contact: Alyce Rees, Community Dietician, WGHG on 5624 3544

Education & Training

APNA Online Learning Portal Three New Courses

There are a limited number of **FREE** enrolments for primary health care nurses through an educational grant supplied by GP NSW. To register for free enrolments please contact APNA at education@apna.asn.au

New Courses:

Palliative Care—Nurses: 2 CPD hours—Cost \$24

STI and Blood Borne Viruses—Nurses: 1.5 CPD hours—Cost \$21

Solar damage, prevention and screening—FREE

[Click here for full details and to enrol](#)

Dialogues About Dementia With Families

Australian Catholic University and Mercy Health warmly invite interested people to hear the results of a 15 month project conducted in Victoria/Tasmania designed to enhance communication between Rural Aged Care Facility staff and family members of people with moderate to severe dementia from Dr Fran McInerney

Date: Wednesday, 9 November 2011 from 9.30am

Venue: La Trobe University, 215 Franklin St, Melbourne

[For further information or to register please click here](#)



GPs—NPS Clinical Audit

The National Prescribing Service (NPS) – Better choices, Better health is offering a Clinical Audit for GPs on

Safe and effective use of antipsychotic therapy

Please note it is a paper audit. Data for only 10 patients is required. Submission is required by 28 October 2011.

Contact: Paula

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Do you have an event, achievement or information that you would like to share or promote through the Mid Week News?

Please email reception@cwgdogp.com.au

We would love to hear from you.