

September 2011



## Mini Immunisation Conference

Central West Gippsland Division of General Practice together with the West Gippsland Healthcare Group is pleased to extend an invitation

to all General Practice Nurses, Local Government Nurse Immunisers, Infection Control Nurses and other interested attendees. **Topics to be covered:**

### Cold Chain Management

#### Recommended Vaccinations for HCWs

Presented by Helen Pitcher Immunisation Nurse Consultant, Department of Health

### Disease Presentation

#### discussion on vaccine preventable diseases

Presented by Michelle Wills

### Making the Immunisation encounter a positive experience Tips and Tricks

Presented by Michelle Wills & Kate Russo, Immunisation Program Consultants, General Practice Victoria

### National Immunisation Program - What's New! Pertussis Update with Gippsland focus

Presented by Dr Greg Rowles Medical Educator RACGP 'gplearning' education

**Date:** Saturday 8 October 2011, 9.30am—2.30pm

**Venue:** West Gippsland Healthcare Group, Warragul

**Cost:** \$25 per participant—Limited places

**To register phone the Division on 5126 2899**

## National Stroke Week

12-18 September 2011



strokefoundation

Visit the Stroke Foundation website for great resources and videos for how to recognise when a stroke occurring.

[www.strokefoundation.com.au](http://www.strokefoundation.com.au)



**Pictured above participating in the Practice Nurse training (L-R)**

- Therese (Benchmarque) & Anita (Central Clinic-Warragul) practicing IV cannulation
- Jane (Benchmarque) & Lyn (Trafalgar Medical Centre)
- Olivia (Division) demonstrating correct ear irrigation technique

## Successful Practice Nurse Training Day

On the 30—31 August 2011 49 Practice Nurses from general practices within the Division took part in The Benchmarque Group's Ear Irrigation and IV Cannulation courses.

The Benchmarque Group is a Registered Training Organisation specialising in the development and delivery of Clinical Skills programs to the healthcare sector.

The Benchmarque group ensured that it catered to the needs and varied capabilities of the group. The course was well organised and well presented. Commencing with a theory component followed by a hands on workshop. All participants enjoyed the course. Lots of laughs and great day had by all.

## How to perform a 'Healthy Kids Check'

Please find enclosed an article from the *AUSTRALIAN FAMILY PHYSICIAN*. This is a great resource and has some tips you may find helpful.

The purpose of the Healthy Kids Check is to ensure that every four year old child in Australia has a basic health check before they start school and as part of the initiative parents are then able to claim the Family Tax Benefit PartA (\$726.25 per child) if eligible.

The assessment may be performed by the practice nurse or alternatively, parents may choose to attend a Maternal Child Health Centre to meet Centrelink requirements.

## Education Scholarships

### *Royal College of Nursing Australia Government Scholarships are now open*

#### **Applications Close 16 September**

There is funding under the post graduate scheme – to support enrolled and registered nurses and midwives to undertake postgraduate studies at an Australian university or registered training organisation and under the continuing professional development scheme– support nurses and midwives to undertake continuing professional development, short courses and conferences. Also support for nurses working in ACCHO & AMS.

**For more information or to apply visit the RCNA website [www.rcna.org.au](http://www.rcna.org.au)**

### *University of Melbourne Practice Nurse Education scholarships available*

The University of Melbourne, Department of General Practice has invested in practice nurses by developing the Certificate/Diploma of Primary Care Nursing delivered by distance education.

The Commonwealth government has recently announced financial assistance in the form of a scholarship worth up to a total of \$15,000 per year for up to two years full time study or \$7,500 per year for up to four years part time study. We encourage nurses to apply for a scholarship and enrol in the Certificate or Diploma of Primary Care Nursing course.

Scholarship details: **Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme: Postgraduate** are available at the following website: [www.rcna.org.au/scholarships/nahsspg](http://www.rcna.org.au/scholarships/nahsspg)

### *2011 Oceania Tobacco Control Conference*

The Conference Program will offer many in-depth sessions across key areas such as: Cessation; Prevention; Smoke-free and second-hand smoke; Social marketing, mass media and digital media; and Tobacco industry and products. The theme is “Burying the Habit: moving to a tobacco free future” It will be held in Brisbane, Queensland, from **October 18 to 20, 2011.**

For more details visit [www.oceaniatc2011.org.au](http://www.oceaniatc2011.org.au)

## Education & Training Events

### *Ulceration Workshop Accredited for 5 RCNA CNE Hours*

LaTrobe University are presenting this workshop to assist health professionals to remain up-to-date with the latest on the diagnosis and management of ulcers.

#### **Topics include:**

- Update of NHMRC endorsed venous leg ulcer Guidelines
- When to refer an arterial ulcer to a vascular surgeon
- Can veins be operated on when there is an open ulcer present on the leg?
- How to manage a venous leg ulcer using bandages and dressings
- How to manage an arterial ulcer while awaiting surgery
- Managing the palliative leg wound

**Date:** Monday 19 September 2011, 9.00am—3.30pm

**Venue:** Alfred Health Clinical School Prahran

**Cost:** \$50 per participant

For further information email

[worldofwounds@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:worldofwounds@latrobe.edu.au)

#### **Thursday 15 September**

Relationships Victoria  
(Traralgon Office) invites

you to attend a morning tea for RU OK? Day at work. It is a national day of action which aims to prevent suicide by encouraging Australians to connect with someone they care about and help stop little problems turning into big ones.

**Venue:** Relationships Australia 1/42 Kay St Traralgon

**Time:** 10.30am—12.00noon



#### **Does your practice have a height adjustable examination bed?**

#### **Is it located in a room accessible to all practice staff?**

The RACGP Standards for General Practices (4th edition) now requires accredited practices to have at least one height adjustable examination bed.

These are best located in a treatment room to avoid patients, particularly those with a disability and the elderly, having to wait for access to the bed.

*Got something to share with other Nurses in the region? Promotion of an event or achievement?  
We would love to hear from you. Email [reception@cwgdogp.com.au](mailto:reception@cwgdogp.com.au)*