

November 2011

**Immunisation Update
General Practice Victoria
October 2011**



Australian Childhood Immunisation Register coverage Victoria, 30 September 2011				
Age in Months	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Overall Australia	Vic Ranking
12 - <15	93%	83%	92%	4
24 - <27	94%	90%	93%	4
60 - <63 (5yrs)	91%	87%	89%	2
72 - <75 (6yrs)	93%	90%	92%	2
Provider split	GP 54% / Local council 44%			

Prevenar 13® Update

- Given at 2, 4 & 6 months
- 6 additional strains of pneumococcal (inc. 19A)
- Single free dose from: 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012
- Eligible children: 12-35 months inclusive
- DH resources—Parent reminder flyer, fact sheet and poster

**Cold chain breach data
January to August 2011**

- Breaches reported: 349
- Non-preventable: 256 (power outage 181, mechanical 71)
- Preventable: 90 (door open 41, plug out 22)
- Cost of compromised vaccine: \$524k
- Cost of discarded vaccine: \$254k

Around the corner....

- Combined Hib and Men C at 12 months available 2012
- Meningococcal B vaccine - in discussion
- Formal change to 6 weeks - being discussed
- Year 10 to Year 7 - in negotiations with Commonwealth
- Online reporting of cold chain breaches
- 2012 seasonal influenza - no change 3rd year in a row

Online 4 Year Old Healthy Kids Check

This free online course will prepare practice nurses to meet the requirements of the Medicare Healthy Kids Check for 4 year olds. The course has been developed with funding from the Department of Health and Ageing with input from experts in the field of child health and development.

The flexible learning style allows for nurses to complete the two modules at their own pace. You'll receive a printable certificate once you have completed the online assessments. This course has been endorsed by APNA and is the equivalent of 2.5 CPD hours.

The Healthy Kids Check may be completed on a child from the age of 3.5 years to 5 years. This online course focuses on the health and development of the 4 year old child, the recommended age for the Healthy Kids Check.

www.healthykidschecklearning.net.au/login.php



Get Set 4 Life - Healthy Habits for Kids

The Get Set 4 Life – Habits for Healthy Kids Guide provides practical information on children's health and covers techniques and tips for teaching children healthy habits that could last a lifetime. Key areas of health and age appropriate development covered in the booklet include: healthy eating, regular exercise, speech and language, oral health and more.

The Division have sourced a limited number of the guides in hardcopy. Please contact Sue Griggs on 5126 2899 or email her at sgriggs@cwgdoggp.com.au to order your guide. Alternatively, a PDF copy of the guide can be found on the Department of Health and Aging website under Programs and Initiatives, MBS Primary Care Items.

APNA Online Learning



Palliative Care for Primary Health Care Nurses in General Practice



This interactive online learning course has been designed to provide primary health care nurses (PHCNs) working in a general practice setting with information and knowledge in understanding a palliative approach, practical strategies for implementing a palliative approach within a general practice and identifying where a palliative approach fits within the Advanced Nursing Competencies.

2 hours. Nurses: 2 CPD hours. \$32 for non-members.

APNA Members \$24

For further information on this and other APNA courses please visit the website

www.apna.asn.au/onlinelearning

PNIP

Changes to the Practice Nurse Incentive Program in 2012

From January 2012, funding to assist in the employment of nurses will become available to all accredited general practices, Aboriginal Medical Services and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.

This change will enable:

- Increased flexibility of the practice team
- Greater recognition of the practice nurse role
- Increased care coordination
- Greater contribution to long term health of the population
- Improved quality and safety in practices
- Expanded and enhanced practice nurse roles
- Increased access to care for patients
- Improved safety and quality in practices.

Please see enclosed an information sheet titled **Before and After the PNIP** from the Australian General Practice Network, regarding the Practice Nurse Incentive Payment. It provides a summary of information regarding the PNIP changes commencing in January 2012.

Education & Training Events

APNA National Conference 2012 Update



Keep this date FREE

Date: Thursday 3rd - Saturday 5th May 2012

Venue: Sebel Hotel, 64 Queens Rd, Melbourne

Program

Preliminary program to include the following topics (tbc):

- Advanced PNs leading to Nurse Practitioners
- Governance
- Fertility/sexual health timeline
- Pharmacology
- Healthy Kids Checks
- Cultural learning tips – around the world
- Nurse-led clinics
- Men's health
- Mentoring
- Immunisation
- Caring for the carer
- Closing the Gap
- Building confidence/negotiating skills
- Skin checks

Register for the conference

Email your details to **admin@apna.asn.au** and you will be alerted once registrations open. Registrations open early 2012.

Call for Abstracts NOW OPEN

Whilst it can be a daunting task for some nurses to submit an abstract, we would encourage as many nurses as possible to submit one as its a fantastic learning experience and the feedback after each conference is that the nurses love hearing from other nurses. There is a lot of information out there including some great resources on the Primary Health Care Research & Information Service website including how to design a poster.

****Abstracts close**25 November 2011.**

*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*