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What's on

Thursday 29 July	Infection control & sterilisation Workshop for all practice staff presented by Judy Evans from walkerevans consulting. Two sessions: 12.30pm for 1pm start or 3.30pm for 4pm start. Majura Theatre, Majura Park, Majura . Register for this event to events@actdgp.asn.au or for more information contact Eleonor e.geoghegan@actdgp.asn.au .
Friday 6 August	GP Grand Rounds Case reviews and medical update meetings. Guest presenters from The Interchange General Practice will present on 'HIV and women: the positive story' and 'The use of Benzodiazepine voluntary undertakings in the ACT'. 7.45–8.45am. Auditorium, level 2, bldg 4, The Canberra Hospital. For more information contact Linda Beaver linda.beaver@anu.edu.au or 6244 4954.
Tuesday 10 August	The psyche and the cutis - How inseperable are they? ACTDGP dermatology event #3. Guest speakers Drs Diana Rubel, Dermatologist and Juliet Gibson. 6.30pm for 7–9.30pm. The Boat House by the Lake, Barton. Register for this event to events@actdgp.asn.au or for more information contact Bronwyn b.parsons@actdgp.asn.au or 6287 8099. Canberra Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) AGM Annual General Meeting of Canberra ASH. Guest speaker University of Sydney Director of Smoking Research Unit Assoc Prof Renee Bittoun. All welcome. 8pm. National Jewish Centre, Forrest. RSVP not required. For more information contact Dr Alan Shroot 6287 3853.
Wednesday 11 August	Practice Managers Network Forum For Practice Managers. Identify common challenges, discuss relevant issues and develop localised solutions. 8.30am–11am. ACTDGP, Weston. Register for this event to events@actdgp.asn.au or for more information contact Amy a.cooper@actdgp.asn.au or 6287 8099.
Thursday 12 August	ACTDGP Member forum GPs and Associate Members are invited to attend a discussion on primary health care reform. Register for this event to events@actdgp.asn.au or for more information contact Eleonor e.geoghegan@actdgp.asn.au . Tackling Indigenous Chronic Disease Guest presenters will discuss tackling chronic disease in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. 6.30pm for 6.45pm–9.30pm. The Boat House by the Lake, Barton. Register for this event to events@actdgp.asn.au or for more information contact Bev b.hayhurst@actdgp.asn.au
For all events and to register visit our calendar at www.actdgp.asn.au/page/Events/Upcoming_Events	

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News & information

ACTDGP to farewell CEO Phil Lowen

The ACT Division of General Practice is to farewell its CEO Phil Lowen who will be heading back to the State of Qatar to take on a role with the Supreme Council of Health.

Phil has headed the Division for 2 years and has been eHealth consultant to AGPN and CEO commissioning its Aspetar Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Hospital in Qatar.

Phil will be finishing up at the Division in early September this year.

The Division's Board of Directors have advertised for a new CEO to lead the Division through the transition of becoming a primary health care organisation.

View the advertisement at actdgp.asn.au/page/Employment/Positions_Vacant/Division_Vacancies/.

Updated ATAPS tier model

Under the new ATAPS tier model practices will find Access to Allied Psychological Services (ATAPS) vouchers now include new tick boxes for target groups. If your patient meets one of the tier 2 categories (women with peri-natal depression, children aged 12 years and under, people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and suicide prevention) please include this information and return the voucher to the Division as usual.

For more information on the new tier model contact Rosemary at the Division on 6287 8099 or r.agnew@actdgp.asn.au or view the summary of changes on the Division website at actdgp.asn.au/page/Programs/Resources/For_GPs/M/Mental_health/

New chlamydia and PID resources for GPs

Resources developed by the Chlamydia Contact Tracing Pilot Program are being delivered to all general practices in the ACT in the next two months to distribute to patients. The resources are business-card-sized with information on contact tracing for chlamydia, information on PIDb and a referral card for the Canberra Sexual Health Centre. The cards have been developed in response to a survey in 2009 where GPs requested a written resource for positive chlamydia patients. For more information contact Anne or Kris on 62442184.

Specialist waiting times information available

Waiting time information for specialists at Calvary Hospital and The Canberra Hospital is now available for general practices.

The GP Liason provided the information accurate as at 1 July 2010, which is available to view by logging in to the Division website members-only area at actdgp.asn.au. An online version with daily updates will be launched in early August covering most outpatient clinics.

A 'batphone' for GPs

The ACTDGP and AMA have negotiated for a dedicated GP telephone line to be made available with the TCH switch board.

GPs and Specialists will be individually advised of the new number next month.

National National Prescribing Service news

Practice and individual GP visits covering the National Prescribing Service (NPS) topic 'Opioid therapy in chronic pain: use a planned approach' have now commenced.

Dr Michael Tedeschi will speak on the same topic at an NPS education event on 24 August at The Boat House by the Lake at 6.30 (invitations to be sent soon). His talk will be followed by an NPS Case Study on opioid therapy in chronic pain.

To request a visit on this topic email Rick r.lord@actdgp.asn.au specifying your preferred time and date.

Canberra Action on Smoking & Health (ASH) AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Canberra ASH will have (see p.1) guest speaker Associate Professor Renee Bittoun, Director of the Smoking Research Unit at the University of Sydney has published extensively and has great enthusiasm for the work she does in helping smokers quit. For more information contact Dr Alan Shroot 6287 3853.

Clinical Emergency Management Program

Intermediate and advanced clinical emergency management program workshops will be held on 10, 11 & 12 September in Forrest by RACGP. For more information or to download registration forms visit www.racgp.org.au/cem, email gpeducation@racgp.org.au or free call 1800 284 732.



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