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The ACT Division of General Practice

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While on the website, why not look at the program areas and the calendar for upcoming events?
What's new and What's hot

Heart Health Online - GPs called to participate in research for 40 Cat 1 QA&CPD points **Changes to the end date of the HPV Vaccination Program**

If you have any comments on the website content or difficulty accessing, please phone Deborah at the Division on **6287 8099**

Note for diary - GP Members Forum

The next ACTDGP GP Members Forum is scheduled for Tuesday **10 February 2009**, 6.30pm – 8.30pm at the ACTDGP Division Training Room at Unit 20, 41 Liardet street, Weston Creek.

The agenda will include discussion of the nurse led walk in clinic concept, the national Primary Healthcare Statement, and the nature of incentives that your Division should support to include within scope the GP Development Fund promised at the last election to provide incentives for initiatives such as attracting staff, enhancing practices, and establishing new services.

The final agenda will be advised later this month and background papers will be made available on the Divisions website.

Heart Health Online – GPs called to participate in research for 40 Cat 1 QA & CPD points

Deakin, Monash and Swinburne Universities, together with Beyond Blue VcOE, are conducting research that aims to evaluate the effectiveness of a computerised health information resource (Heart Health Online) for improving the psychological and physical well-being of people who have experienced a significant adverse coronary event. Heart Health Online provides patient-tailored information resources (e.g., risk factors, diagnosis and symptomatology of CHD, disease progression, treatments and lifestyle management related to CHD) in addition to psycho-education and strategies for managing psychological symptoms (e.g., depression, anxiety and stress) often associated with CHD.

GPs are being called to participate in this research. GPs who participate will invite eligible patients to be part of the study and provide the chief investigators basic physiological data about their patients, such as blood pressure levels and serum lipids, at the end of the nine month trial (with patient consent). Once the patient has completed the trial, the GP will also be asked to complete a brief survey about the effect of Heart Health Online upon the doctor-patient relationship.

Participating GPs who have at least two patients in the study will be paid \$100 for their time, have on-going access to Heart Health Online, and be eligible for 40 Cat 1 QA & CPD points. There is a 6 month recruitment phase for the study from December 2008 to May 2009. To register interest in the study, or to find out more, please contact Dr Matthew Fuller-Tyszkiewicz on

03 9251 7344 or matthewf@deakin.edu.au.

POPGUNS – evaluation of an triage tool for receptions in general practice

You might recall reading an article in the December issue of GP ACTION (see page 7).

Expression of interest fax back forms were sent to each Practice Manager. The study, currently being conducted by the ANU, is examining the use of the POPGUNS triage system in general practice.

Participating practices in the study will receive an honorarium of \$1000 and each receptionist will receive \$100. To be involved your practice must not be already using the POPGUNS tool and have a minimum of two receptionists who are non-clinicians.

If you are interested in being involved please call Janet McDougall at the Rural Clinical School of ANU Medical School on **6125 8341**.

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THE FORTNIGHTLY UPDATE OF THE ACT Division of General Practice

Palliative Care Education in the ACT – quick survey (online) to have your say!

Go to the Division’s website www.actdgp.asn.au and click on Hot Issues – 4 December 2008 to find the link to the online survey.

Coming out in the Consult - Sexual Health and Gay Men

Join us for a unique evening hosted by Professor Frank Bowden, Canberra Sexual Health Centre, as we tackle the tricky areas of discussing sex and sexuality with patients.

When: Thursday 19 February 2009

Where: Hotel realm
18 National Circuit, Barton

Time: 6.00 - 6.30pm canapés and pre-dinner drinks
6.30pm - 9.00pm dinner and forum

CME points will be available for this event

Free for GPs, practice nurses and professionals working in the area of sexual health. This update is sponsored by the Office of Chief Health Officer and the ACT Division of General Practice to promote discussion and networking between clinicians who provide care to gay-identified and other men who have sex with men.

RSVP by Friday 30 January 2009 to Laura at laura.lallenec@act.gov.au or call for more information **6205 0853**.



Practice Nurses

Upcoming Conference which will be 30 April - 2 May 2009. Early bird registrations are still available, go to the APNA website www.apna.asn.au/conference

Renal Medicine and GP Liaison at TCH - Renal Education Module for GPs

a few spaces left! HURRY! Don't miss out!!

Tuesdays only - limited availability. Two GP's per session, registration essential. GP attends one Tuesday only from 8am to 2pm. Cat 1 CPD points have been applied.

For more information please contact the GP Liaison Unit on **6244 4183**.

Doctors Control Panel - making it easier to provide proactive care

Frustrated by the lack of features in your clinical software? "Yes", said Dr Anton Knieriemen and he decided to write a computer program that links with Medical Director (or Best Practice) and lets you know which of the RACGP Preventative Activities are due for the patient you are seeing. This information is displayed in a small window which is viewed from the patient’s open record in your clinical software.

Anton's program is called Doctors Control Panel and is available as a free download. Dr Knieriemen suggests that if you find it useful you may like to donate to the charity of your choice.

Dr Knieriemen recently presented the Doctors Control Panel at an Australian Primary Care Collaboratives workshop in Sydney where he received a standing ovation from his peers.

Go to <http://pracsoftutilities.com> to view a demo or download the program.