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Headline News

Practice Nurse Medicare Item

On July 1 2007 Medicare item number 10997 was released for the provision of monitoring and support to people with a chronic disease by a practice nurse or registered Aboriginal Health Worker on behalf of a GP.

Information on the item can be found at

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/pacd-medicare-mbs-item10997-factsheet.htm>

National Mentoring Pilot Program

In consultation with the Australian Mentor Centre, AGPN has reviewed the current registrations for the formal 1:1 program and have made the following adjustments to the scheduled training programs:

- **Mentor training** will continue as planned in the following states: Brisbane 19-20th July, Melbourne 26 -27th July, and Perth 16- 17th August. The Mentor training program scheduled for Adelaide for 9-10th August has been cancelled due limited registrations. Registrants for the Adelaide workshop, including those from NT will be contacted by Carol Nagy, Mentoring Program Project Officer, AGPN and offered a place in either the Melbourne or Perth Workshops. The Adelaide workshop will be rescheduled at a later date subject to demand.
- The scheduled **mentee training** programs for Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth, have been postponed. Mentees who have registered will be provided with an initial training program via teleconference and rescheduled to a face to face training program in September/October. Mentees who have registered will be advised of these changes.
- Registrations for the mentor training programs in Melbourne, and Perth will remain open until one week prior to the starting date.

- Practice nurses interested in becoming involved in the 1:1 formal program should continue to be encouraged to register with the Australian Mentor Centre.
- Subject to demand it is planned to schedule additional training programs for mentors and training programs for mentees in September/October. Further information will be provided in the near future.

Arrangements for the mentoring groups and circles will continue as advertised.

For further information on mentoring call the Australian Mentor Centre on 1800 100 848.

National Divisions Nursing in General Practice Forum

Over 140 delegates have now registered for the National Divisions Nursing in General Practice Forum in Coffs Harbour on the 28th and 29th August.

The program is being finalised and will include 7 sessions from Divisions showcasing innovative work, as well as a range of keynote speakers and concurrent sessions. The program will be posted on the AGPN NiGP website in the next few weeks.

AGPN Nursing in General Practice edition of Dynamic Divisions

AGPN has published a special Nursing in General Practice issue of Dynamic Divisions. This edition showcases local programs that are being undertaken by Divisions across the country.

Divisions featured in Dynamic Divisions include:

- Whitehorse Division of General Practice
- Sunshine Coast Division of General Practice
- Adelaide Northern Division of General Practice
- Riverina Division of General Practice
- Adelaide Southern Division of General Practice
- Otway Division of General Practice
- Northern Rivers Division of General Practice
- Osborne Division of General Practice
- Greater Southern Division of General Practice
- Eastern Ranges GP Association
- Murray Mallee General Practice Network

To obtain copies of the Nursing in General Practice edition of Dynamic Divisions contact Toni Rice, Nurse Program Officer on trice@agpn.com.au

RCNA 5th General Practice Nurse Conference

Maximising Nursing's Contribution to Primary Health Care

11 - 13 October 2007 - Wrest Point, Hobart TAS

AGPN are assisting RCNA in coordinating practice nurses who would be interested in presenting in the Stories from the Frontline Session. This session provides an opportunity for first time presenters to give a short presentation of around 10 minutes sharing their experience of practice nursing. This session has been rated very highly by delegates at previous Conferences.

To register your interest or seek further information please contact Toni Rice Nurse Program Officer at trice@agpn.com.au or (02) 62280850. Please note that presenters in the Stories from the Frontline session will receive financial support to cover travel expenses and registration costs are available through the Divisions Network NiGP Program.

Other News

Chlamydia: Combating the Epidemic DVD & video resource available free

The Rural Health Education Foundation's program on Chlamydia that was broadcast in March 2007 is now available on DVD or video free.

The program alerts health practitioners (General Practitioners, nurses, allied health workers, and Aboriginal Health Workers who are in the front-line to combating this epidemic) to the high and increasing prevalence of Chlamydia and the need to take appropriate measures. It aims to facilitate health professionals in asking sexual health questions, discussing preventative measures, and performing Chlamydia screening and treatment.

Program participants include **Professor Frank Bowden, Dr Chris Bourne, Dr Miriam Grotowski, and Ms Annette Slater with Dr Norman Swan facilitating the discussion.**

For further information about receiving this resource go to www.rhef.com.au

To order your free DVD or VHS video copy of Chlamydia: Combating the Epidemic (one per person or organisation only within Australia), please email us at chlamydia@rhef.com.au; or fax us on (02) 6232-5484 specifying your preferred format and providing your name, organisation, postal address, contact telephone number and email address.

Note that the number of copies is limited so place your order quickly.

For information on other programs available for purchase from the Rural Health Education Foundation, go to our DVD & Video order page

The production and distribution of this program was generously funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing

Keys to Living Together

With thanks The Community Services & Health Industry Skills Council Newsletter Edition 22 June 2007

On 15 May 2007 the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs launched a new suite of relationship resources, Keys to Living Together. These resources are interactive providing information, tips and practical activities to assist families in building stronger and healthier relationships. Each Keys to Living kit consists of a DVD and mini magazine.

Currently there are 3 kits in the Keys to Living Together series, each consisting of a DVD and mini magazine:

- *Keys to Living Together-Taking the first step.* This resource is for couples who are making a significant commitment to each other such as marriage, or moving in together.
- *Keys to Living Together -Instant Families.* This resource is for couples with children from previous relationships who are creating a new family together.
- *Keys to Living Together-Then there were three.* This resource is for couples who have had or are having their first child.

To order your free copy call 1800 050 009 or email keys@facsia.gov.au

Events for July

08 – 14 July: National Diabetes Week - Diabetes Australia, www.diabetesaustralia.com.au

15 – 21 July: National Glaucoma Week - Glaucoma Australia, www.glaucoma.org.au

21 July – 03 August: National Door Knock for Leukaemia - The Leukaemia Foundation of Australia, www.leukaemia.org.au

22 July – 28 July: Speech Pathology Week - Speech Pathology Australia, www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au

31 July – 06 August: National Missing Persons Week - Nationwide - Australian Red Cross, http://www.redcross.org.au/events_default.htm



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