



General Practitioners

Changes to Health Assessments

- The structure of health assessment item numbers will be changed and Medicare fees will be rationalised. Ten health assessment items will be replaced by **four new time-based items**.
- The health assessment for a person in Australia under the Government's Humanitarian Program which is **currently item 714 will change to one of the following: Item 701, 703, 705 or 707**.
- The time based health assessments will come into effect on **1st May 2010**.
- Guidelines around health assessments are presently unclear but as more information comes to hand, practices will be informed.
- For a fact sheet – please contact Sylvia on 3290 3733.

Rural locum opportunities: make a healthy change

- Time for a fresh perspective on your career as a GP? Then why not try rural locum work.
- There are now more opportunities for urban doctors to experience life in a country practice thanks to the Federal Government's new \$6.1 million Rural GP Locum Program.
- As well as a change of scenery, rural locum work is a great way to expand your skills while practising a more diverse and challenging range of medicine including Aboriginal health.
- Full support is provided, including travel, accommodation and provider numbers. To register to become part of the locum pool, visit the Rural Health Workforce Australia website at www.rhwa.org.au/ruralgplocum
- To find out more, contact Charlie Duncan from Health Workforce Queensland on 07 3105 7800 or recruitment@healthworkforce.com.au

Department of Communities - A multicultural future ... for all of us

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LUCKY PRIZE DRAW

for GP Primary Members of SPHN



Join or renew your SouthEast Primary HealthCare Network membership by 26 February 2010 and you could win a ticket to

Simply Versace GP Education Conference

Program features: Mater's leading specialists who will provide information on cutting edge and highly relevant health care developments in Australia.

Dates: 13 and 14 March 2010.

The prize package includes: Saturday night accommodation in a Versace superior room; Buffet breakfast for up to two in Il Barocco Restaurant on Sunday; Meals for delegate: Conference lunch on Saturday and Sunday, Afternoon tea on Saturday, Morning tea on Sunday; Delegate seat at the conference dinner.

For further information please contact Stephanie Culshaw – Membership Officer on sculshaw@sphn.org.au or 07 3290 3733

PEPA GP Update in Palliative Care

- **Where:** Maroochy Surf Life Saving Club, Alexandra Parade, Maroochydore
- **When:** Saturday 13 March 2010
- **Time:** 8.30am to 5.00pm

Open to GPs and medical practitioners. Event will be accredited for RACGP & QA & CPD points

Contact: Kathy Laurent 07 3636 7942 or email Kathryn_Laurent@health.qld.gov.au

Deadline for registration: 4 March 2010

Guest Speakers:

- Dr Carolyn Cooper, Emergency Staff Specialist and PhD, Austin Health
- Assoc Prof Jane Turner, UQ School of Medicine
- Shih-Ning Then, Assoc Lecturer, QUT Faculty of Law
- Dr Louise Welch, Palliative Care Physician, Sunshine Coast & Wide Bay Palliative Care Service

Topics:

- Breaking Bad News
- Self-care for GPs
- Assessment & Management of Complicated Grieving:
- The GP's Role
- Advance Care Planning
- Terminal care and symptom management in the last days of life
- Recognising depression in the terminally ill
- Legal issues in palliative care ... and more

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Free Dementia Information Session

- Alzheimers Australia (Qld)'s Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Service (DBMAS) free seminar for GPs, Practice Managers and Practice Nurses.
- Focusing on dementia, behaviours of concern, strategies and solutions, how and where to get help.
- **Date:** Monday 15 February
- **Where:** Logan North Library, Upstairs Meeting Room, Cnr Sports Drive & Springwood Road, Underwood
- **Time:** 9.30 – 11 am Morning tea provided
- **Contact for booking:** Sally Dunlop 07 3895 8200 sallyd@alzqld.asn.au

Cognitive Behaviour Therapy in General Practice

Belmont Private Hospital invites all GPs to this mental health education evening.

- Dr Mark Spelman (Psychiatrist) and members from the Cognitive Behaviour Therapy Unit will provide GPs with the techniques that can be applied in general practice to assist patients to regulate their emotional state. Register early – limited numbers.
- **Where:** Michaels Oriental Restaurant (Dinner and Drinks provided)
- **Date:** Wednesday 24th February 2010
- **Time:** 6:30pm Registration
- **Contact:** Julie on 3398 0207 / 0438 792 378 / fax 3041 3552

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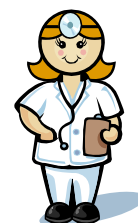
Anxiety Online

A comprehensive online mental health service offering information, assessment and treatment programs (“eTherapy”) for the anxiety disorders.

- world-first initiative of the National eTherapy Centre (NeTC) at Swinburne University of Technology.
- information, clinical assessment and treatment programs.
- For more information www.anxietyonline.org.au

Positions Vacant

- **GP P/T female** req for comp, accred, DR owned [AON] practice. Hrs & \$\$ neg
Contact Trudi Hughes 33412002 gpwanted@live.com.au
- **GP Required:** Bulk Billing Practice in Logan Central. Competitive Percentage, and no after hours work
Contact Michelle Alexander or Colleen Champney at 07 3412 8333.
- **Southside GP position.** PT/FT Fully computerised accredited practice with established patient base. Replacing retiring Doctor. Full RN support. No afterhours.
Contact: Sue 3299 6777 or 0422316655
- **FT/PT GPs** busy private-owned practice in Waterford West. DWA available. Fully computerised. RN support.
Contact: 0732996688 or 0401338068
- **Female GP VR** (part time available) Logan Central
Contact: Practice Manager on 0400110612
- **GP F/T & P/T Required:** Meadowbrook
Contact: Joye on 0400 159 101
- **GP Required:** Springwood
Contact: Bill on 0433 479 004
- **VR GP F/T or P/T Required:** Algester
Contact: Fabienne on 3711 2880



For more information regarding these vacancies please visit www.sphn.org.au/general-practitioners

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Membership Reminder

All 2008/2009 current memberships have expired as of 1st December 2009. In order to continue enjoying the benefits of membership please fax membership forms to SPHN on 3290 3144.

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AGPN “Can Do” Program - Managing Mental Health & Substance Use in Primary Care

A six and a half hour ‘Can Do’ interactive learning and reflective listening educational event:

Program Objectives:

- Provision for general practitioners and allied health professionals to up-skill in mental health, drug and alcohol comorbidity.
- Facilitated education and training covering coordination of care, assessment, care plan development, treatment, referral and review of people with co-occurring mental health and substance use conditions.
- **Date:** Saturday 6th March 2010
- **Venue:** Logan Rd Conferencing & Banqueting Centre, 433 Logan Road, Stones Corner
- **Contact:** Kim Moffat at SPHN on 3290 3733.

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Chronic Disease & Self-Management Networking Group

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If so, then why not join the SPHN Chronic Disease & Self Management Networking Group.

Network and meet with Peers, Self Management organizations, support providers and other health professionals, share information, discuss issues and promote activities and initiatives to enhance the health of the Logan Beaudesert Community.

- **Where:** SouthEast Primary HealthCare Network, Wembley Place, 91 Wembley Rd, Logan Central
- **Date:** 24 February 2010
- **Time:** 12:00pm Lunch will be provided.
- **Contact:** Susan Tippett at SPHN on 3290 3733 or stippett@sphn.org.au if you wish to attend
- **RSVP 15 February 2010**

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Practice Staff

Who is the Interpreter

General Practices that are undertaking Refugee Health Assessments and using Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) please remember to document the name and ethnicity of the interpreter being used. Whoever has first point of contact with the interpreter should be allocated responsibility. Documentation will provide easy identification for medico-legal issues, if the need ever arises.

Sylvia Penhaligon

Primary Care Liaison - Immunisation and Refugee Health
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Chronic Disease Strategy Unit Video-Conference Seminar Series

Improving Care.....Expanding Skills

When: Friday 26 February

Time: 2pm

All Queensland Health Facilities and Non Government Organisations are welcome to participate

The role of the Nurse Practitioner for Chronic Disease

Key benefits of the Nurse Practitioner role to clients with a chronic condition: enhances care; provides support in prevention, early detection and management of chronic disease; job satisfaction; part of a multi disciplinary team; case studies.

There are only 40 sites available to dial in, please contact CDSU at Queensland Health for a site registration form

Contact:

Email chronic_disease@health.qld.gov.au

Phone: 07 3328 9298

Fax: 07 3328 9296

Chronic Disease Strategy Unit will notify confirmed sites one week before the video conference.

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H1N1 and other Vaccine Guidelines Event

H1N1 and other vaccine guidelines event on 3rd March 2010 at 6:30pm at Logan Entertainment Centre. 4 RACGP QA&CPD points will be allocated to attending General Practitioners.

- Gain an understanding of current recommendations for seasonal flu and Panvax administration
- Identify where to source current information and administration of rabies vaccine and rabies immunoglobulin
- Demonstrate current protocols in the management of infection control

Practices attending receive a FREE Pandemic PPE pack from the Network Registration & 2-course dinner 6:30pm

- **Contact:** Sylvia Penhaligon at SPHN on 3290 3733

Swine Flu Recall Letter Template

H1N1 vaccination recall letter is now available on our website for practices to encourage patients to take advantage of the vaccine as it is FREE. The influenza vaccine for this year in the southern hemisphere will include H1N1, however not all persons are eligible for a free flu shot. www.sphn.org.au – Programs – Immunisation. For further information please contact Sylvia on 3290 3733.

Are You Having Any Problems with the Rollout of the Swine Flu Vaccination Program?

If any practice is having any problems with the program please contact Sylvia on 3290 3733 so reports will be included on an Issues register which will be provided to Queensland Health's – State Population Health Emergency Operation Centre (State PHEOC).

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Chronic Disease Self-Management Course

Topics include:

- How to manage your symptoms, communicate effectively with your doctor, lessen your frustration, fight fatigue, make daily tasks easier, get more out of life.
- **Where:** Logan Central Community Health, Level 2 Cnr Wembley & Ewing Roads, Logan Central
- **Date:** Next course starting Friday 19th February 2010 – for **6 weeks**
- **Time:** 9 - 11.30am (same time each week)
- **Contact:** Intake Officer at Logan Central Community Health Centre **3290 8900**

Positions Vacant

- **Sat Casual Receptionist** required for busy, friendly surgery in Rochedale Sth. MD & PS experience & flexibility to cover sick & hol leave. Contact Trudi 34233161 / gpwanted@live.com.au
- **RN** required for Non Corporate family practice. Approx 15-20 hours. Contact Sue on 3299 6777 / 0422 316 655
- **Casual Medical Receptionist** Required: general practice in Waterford West. Experience with computer and MD/Pracsoft preferred. CV to whzeng67@yahoo.com.au or phone 07 32996688
- **Medical Receptionist** Required: Logan Central Contact: 3808 8444

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