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General Practitioners

IMPORTANT - GP Census

- **SouthEast Primary HealthCare Network aims for 70% response rate.**
- The Australian General Practice Network has developed an annual GP Census to accurately determine the current status of Australia's GP workforce. Used successfully across Tasmania since 2005, data from the Census is held in a secure database and used for the following purposes:
 - To identify Districts of Workforce Shortage;
 - To review Divisional GP and practice contact details;
 - To help reconcile discrepancies with national datasets;
 - Provide a de-identified dataset for research activities; and
 - Provide important information to assist the Division in meeting your needs.
- This year's census is underway and currently our goal response rate is 70%.
- **Please respond and help us reach our goal.** If you haven't received an email invitation or prefer a paper version of the census please contact Troy Sadkowsky at SouthEast Primary HealthCare Network on 3290 3733 or e: tsadkowsky@sphn.org.au.

National Registration of Health Professionals from 1st July 2010 – Implications for prescribing and dispensing of Controlled (Schedule 8) Drugs

- From 1st July 2010, all medical practitioners in Australia will be registered with the National Registration Board.
- The requirements under the Health (Drugs & Poisons) Regulation, 1996 in regards to the prescribing and dispensing of controlled (Schedule 8) drugs in Queensland **will be changed**. However, the definition of a doctor within the legislation will now include any nationally registered doctor.
- This means prescriptions for Schedule 8 drugs from interstate doctors can be dispensed by Queensland pharmacists, provided they comply with the regulations.
- However this will not apply to prescriptions for Section 100 medications (methadone and buprenorphine) for patients being treated on opioid substitution programs. Further information about this issue will follow in the next few weeks.
- At present, each state and territory will retain its own separate legislation pertaining to Schedule 8 drugs. Therefore some restrictions might apply to interstate dispensing of prescriptions written by Queensland doctors. Doctors will need to contact the appropriate agency before prescribing Schedule 8 prescriptions intended for dispensing in another state or territory. A list of other states' and territories' contacts is provided for your convenience
- If you have any concerns about the following information, please contact the Drugs and Dependence Unit on 3328 9890 or e: ddu@health.qld.gov.au

Funding for Optimal Health Diabetes Top Up Program

- The funding period for Top Up program finishes June 30th, however we will be honouring payments for all referrals received prior to this date after June 30th. We aim to facilitate best patient care and we recognise it is not feasible to expect clinicians to complete outstanding sessions with patients in an untimely manner.
- Take home message:
 - Keep referring into the program until June 30 2010
 - Referrals received after June 30 2010 will not be honoured
- For further information please contact Sarah Gruber at SouthEast Primary HealthCare Network on 3290 3733.

Nurse Practitioners Issuing Workers' Compensation Certificates

- Nurse practitioners are now able to write certificates for injured workers in Queensland's Workers' Compensation Scheme.
- From June 2010 nurse practitioners will be able to issue a certificate for a patient with a minor injury.
- If the patient requires more than 10 calendar days off work or if they require suitable duties advice, the nurse practitioner will refer the patient to their local GP.
- Please call Q-COMP on 1300 789 881 or visit www.qcomp.com.au for more information.

SouthEast Primary HealthCare Network Ltd. is offering CPR classes for both Members and Non Members.

- **Date & Time:** 1st September 2010 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm
- **Venue:** TBC
- **Costs:** Members Free / Non Members \$65.00
Prices for classes provided at your premises available on request.
- **Contact:** Kim Moffatt at SouthEast Primary HealthCare Network on 07 3290 3733

Medical Objects Training

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Sending and receiving letters by Medical Objects (iHealth)

- Registrations are invited from persons interested in attending this training. (Please ring to confirm if you have already registered)
- **Date & Time:** 22nd July 2010 from 6.30pm – 8.30pm
- **Venue:** Logan Entertainment Centre, 170 Wembley Road, Logan Central
- **Contact:** Kim Moffatt at SouthEast Primary HealthCare Network on 3290 3733.



Positions Vacant

- **GP's and Locum GP's Required :**
Logan Central
Contact: Michelle Alexander or Colleen Champney on 3412 8333
- **GP Required :** Underwood & Mt Gravatt
Contact: Dr Adel on 3808 3300 or 0412 888 067
- **GP Required :** Logan Central
Contact: Dr. Teo on 0400 110 612 or e: lengteo@hotmail.com
- **VR GP F/T Required :** Edens Landing
Contact: Angela on 0402 175 257 or Dr. Tim Chan on 0403 028 428

For further information regarding these vacancies, please visit www.sphn.org.au/general-practice-vacancies.

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Allied Health Professionals

Suicide Prevention Training for Logan

- The BOiMHC, Suicide Prevention Program at SouthEast Primary HealthCare Network (SPHN) is funding and organising training in preventing suicide. The 'ASIST' training (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) is provided through Lifeline, and will be aimed at Logan Service Providers.
- Specific groups such as people working with Youth, Refugees and Migrants, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, will have priority access to training.
- Five training courses of two days duration will be run over 5 months until November. The objective of providing the training is to increase the skill of service workers to identify and respond to people at risk in the Logan community.
- **Contact:** Jeni Nichols at SouthEast Primary HealthCare Network on 3290 3733

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- Referrals received prior to June 30 2010 and carried out after this date will be paid for a period of time to be announced in July 2010. Ample time will be given to allow you to meet your clients' needs. Referrals received after June 30 2010 will not be honoured
- **Contact:** Sarah Gruber at SouthEast Primary HealthCare Network on 3290 3733

New Tool for Health Care Professionals to improve outcomes for Chronic Disease Management.

- Allied Health Professions Australia (AHPA), the peak national body representing allied health professionals, has developed a new, quick-guide chronic disease management resource package for general practitioners, general practice nurses and allied health professionals to support multidisciplinary teamwork.
- It is aimed at achieving improved outcomes for people with chronic and complex conditions. Available online (www.cdm.ahpa.com.au) and in hard copy, it is an informational resource package containing information on:
 - Allied health professions included in Medicare's chronic disease management items, including services and qualifications
 - Medicare requirements for patient eligibility, service requirements and processes
 - Examples of how healthcare teams for chronic diseases could be structured, potential treatments and triggers for referral
 - Communications tools and Instant access into Allied Health Professional association's directories, providing national coverage.
- The tool is a one-stop-shop for busy healthcare professionals who need to access concise information quickly. A printer-friendly version of the resource package is downloadable from the website.
- **Contact:** Beth White on (03) 8662 3341 or e: b.white@ahpa.com.au

The Psych Professionals - New Psychologist

- The Psych Professionals (Cornubia/Loganholme) are pleased to welcome Dayna Smith to their team. Dayna is a Registered Psychologist with a Master of Clinical Psychology.
- Dayna has spent the last 4 years working with children and adolescents who experienced sexual abuse, and their caregivers. Prior to this, Dayna worked with adults facing issues relating to Depression, Social Phobia, Generalised Anxiety Disorder, and Grief and Loss issues. As such, Dayna brings with her extensive experience and knowledge of dealing with Trauma (PTSD), Attachment, Sexual Abuse, Depression, and Anxiety.
- For Better Access, Better Outcomes, and WorkCover referrals to Dayna please contact the practice at ph: 3287 9293, fax: 3287 6143, or e: psychprofessionals@bigpond.com.

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Practice Staff

Lighten Up to a Healthy Lifestyle Facilitator training

Lighten Up is a group-based program which promotes behaviour change to improve health and wellbeing and prevention of chronic disease. The program focuses on healthy food choices, physical activity, and making lifestyle changes such as goal setting, overcoming negative behaviours, increasing self esteem and dealing with stress.

If you wish to become a facilitator for this program, the next training will take place on the 29 June -1 July at Gecko House, 139 Durling St, Currumbin, Gold Coast. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided and the training is free of charge for staff working in the Logan-Beaudesert area. Registrations close on the 18th June 2010.

- **Contact:** Erin Lumby at SouthEast Primary HealthCare Network on 3290 3733

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- **Casual Medical Receptionist Required:** Waterford
Contact: 3299 6688 or email CV to whzeng67@yahoo.com.au

For further information, please visit www.sphn.org.au/general-practice-vacancies.

