

10 October 2011

SPECIALIST CLINIC SERVICES COMMENCING IN NORTHAM IN OCTOBER 2011

Dr Vince Paul, Cardiologist and Dr Neil Boudville, Renal Physician will be starting clinics from the Wheatbelt Medical Specialists Rooms at 12 Grey Street, Northam in October.

Dr Vincent Paul BSc MB ChB MD FRCP FRACP FCSANZ is a specialist in arrhythmia management and pacemakers/ICDs.

Dr Paul's first day of consultation is **Friday, 14 October** and he will be in Northam once a month. He is happy to see any patient requiring General Cardiology or in his sub specialty. Appointments can be made by phoning his rooms on (08) 9311 4600 or through the Wheatbelt Specialist Medical Centre on (08) 9622 7045.

Associate Professor Neil Boudville MMedSci FASN FRACP MBBS is a local WA graduate from back in 1992. He is currently Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Western Australia and Consultant Nephrologist at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. He is keen to care for any patient with chronic kidney disease or hypertension. This could include abnormal kidney function, urine abnormalities or abnormalities of electrolytes. His first day of consultation will **Thursday, 20 October** and he will be in Northam every second month. Appointments to see Assoc. Prof. Boudville can be made by phoning his rooms on (08) 9370 9329 or through the Wheatbelt Medical Specialists rooms on (08) 9622 7045.

If you have any questions concerning their clinic arrangements, please feel free to call Dr Tony Mylius on 0412 198 765.

WESTERN TRAUMA COURSE

Presented by the Western Australian Trauma Education Committee

This course includes sessions on:

Abdominal Trauma
Head Trauma
Thoracic Trauma
Paediatric Trauma
Stabilisation and Transfer

Interactive skill stations and lectures are presented.

Venue: Merredin Hospital
Date: 12 November 2011
Time: 7.45am - 5.30pm

Cost: **\$400.00** (Medical)
\$300.00 (Nursing)
Includes a Course Manual,
Lunch and refreshments

- ◇ RACGP: This Active Learning Module has been approved by the RACGP QI & CPD Programme. Total Cat 1 Points—40 (Activity No. 751947) Maximum Cat 2 Points—Activity No. 752583)
- ◇ ACRRM: 30 Points are available for this activity (includes 4 ALS Points).
- ◇ ANZCA Cat 2/Level 2: 18 Points are available for this activity.
- ◇ The course has been approved for the Commonwealth Government Procedural Training Grant in emergency medicine.
- ◇ The course has been endorsed by the Royal College of Nursing, Australia according to approved criteria. Eight (8) Continuing Nurse Education points (CNE) have been allocated.

To obtain an application form please contact:

State Trauma Education and Development Coordinator
Trauma Education
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
T: 9346 3699
F: 9346 1617
E: WATEC@health.wa.gov.au
W: www.health.wa.gov.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 14 OCTOBER 2011

CHANGES TO NUMBER OF SESSIONS FOR ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

As of 1 November 2011 changes to the Better Access to Mental Health measure will limit allied mental health services to 10 sessions per patient, per calendar year. Currently, patients have been able to access 12 sessions per year (18 sessions in exceptional circumstances). This was done in six session blocks through a GP. From 1 November 2011, sessions have been reduced to a maximum of 10 per year – an initial six sessions, followed by an additional four sessions if required. This limit is consistent with the intent of the Better Access initiative to address mild to moderate forms of mental illness.

Who will this affect?

This measure will affect people who receive more than 10 allied mental health services, per calendar year, under the Better Access initiative (ie, referral by Mental Health Care Plan). This will not affect the eligibility requirements for people accessing Medicare funded mental health services. This measure only reduces the number of services available per patient, per calendar year, from 1 November 2011.

It will affect people who receive more than 10 allied mental health services, per calendar year, under the Better Access initiative. These patients are likely to have more complex needs and may be better suited for referral to more appropriate mental health services such as the Australian Government's Access to Allied Psychological Services (ATAPS) Flexible Care Packages. The Wheatbelt GP Network Mental Health team offers psychology services through ATAPS and will continue to do so. These changes are important to acknowledge for private services that GPs refer to as it may compromise the ability of a mental health professional to provide long term care.

AUSTRALIAN POINT OF CARE PRACTITIONER'S NETWORK (APPN)

The Australian Point of Care Practitioner's Network provides on-line training, certification and professional development for all Point of Care Testing (PoCT) operators.

This program is funded by DoHA. Visit the website at www.appn.net.au and register FREE to gain access to useful resources such as:

- Selection of analyser, data management instruments available in Australia
- Information on sample collection—arterial, venous and capillary
- Forms for documentation
- Clinical and technical resources on anticoagulation INR, Diabetes and Lipids including on-line training videos and clinical presentations
- On-line competencies for all modules developed and very shortly CPD points for GPs and Nurses
- Forums to discuss topics of interest
- Webinars (coming soon)

The APPN also provides a telephone help line to assist you with any queries you may have on PoCT.

Phone (08) 8201 7843 or (08) 8201 7845 between 9.00am-5.00pm (CST)

MONITORING FERTILITY: Assisting Conception

A Category 1 ALM - 40 points
(Women's Health)
Approved: 1 Day Obstetric Grant



DID YOU KNOW?

A recent study showed only 18% of women presenting for assistance in achieving pregnancy had knowledge of their signs and symptoms of the window of fertility.

OPPORTUNITY:

This is an opportunity to help maximise your capacity to assist women in monitoring these unique parts of their cycle via an empirical method. This seminar guarantees to optimise your patient's chance of pregnancy before intervention.

PARTICIPANTS:

ALM available for GPs, Practice Nurses and all Women's Health Professionals.

PRESENTED BY:

The Ovulation Method Research and Reference Centre of Australia Ltd

WHERE: Lighthouse Beach Resort
BUNBURY WA

WHEN: Saturday, 15 October 2011

COST: **\$80.00** which includes full seminar kit including booklets, CD, pamphlets and reference material. Full lunch provided.

For more information: www.thebillingsovulationmethod.org

CALL / BOOK NOW : 1800 335 860

Email your Enquiry: enquires@thebillingsovulationmethod.org

NB: Register early as a Predisposing Activity is required for points.

WHEATBELT GP NETWORK - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members of the Wheatbelt GP Network are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting for 2010/11

Date: 18 October 2011

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Wheatbelt GP Network Office, 15 Elizabeth Place, NORTHAM

RSVP: Your RSVP would be appreciated to Melissa Deegenars by phone 9621 1530 or email execassist@wheatbelt.com.au

PRACTICE NURSE INCENTIVE PROGRAM—Applications now being accepted

Applications for the Practice Nurse Incentive Program (PNIP) are now being accepted. Application forms are available from www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/pnip

Practices wishing to apply for the PNIP, grandparenting, top-up or accreditation assistance will need to fill out the application form and provide the requested documentation to Medicare. Practices already participating in the Practice Incentives Program, Practice Nurse Incentive are also required to apply for the PNIP.

Medicare will advise practices in writing of receipt on their application form. All applications received will be assessed for eligibility from 1 January 2012.

For more information about the PNIP email pnip@humanservices.gov.au or call 1800 222 032 (call charges may apply) between 8.30am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. You can also contact Gabi Ellis at Wheatbelt GP Network on 9621 1530 for assistance.