

15 August 2011

ALZHEIMER'S AUSTRALIA WA LTD DEMENTIA MASTER CLASS 2011 Full Day Symposium Saturday 24 September 2011

An opportunity to discuss up-to-date independent, practical and evidence-based information on the management of dementia.

Topics Covered:

- End of life considerations—advanced health directives
- Quality dementia care : opportunities and challenges of interpersonal practice
- The anticholinergic load : declining cognitive and other issues in the elderly
- Dementia and diagnosis
- Working with Aboriginal communities
- What it means to be a carer
- Palliative care for people with dementia

Time - 9.00am to 4.30pm

Venue- Mark Liveris Theatre
Building 405
Curtin University, Bentley
Carpark 23A

Cost - FREE

Register - email julia.staunton@alzheimers.org.au for a registration form

An opportunity to:

- Network;
- Access key resources;
- Hear leaders in dementia care;
- Qualify for Quality Prescribing Initiative (QPI) activity within the Practice Incentives Program; and
- Earn RACGP QI & CPD points.

DOWERIN FIELD DAYS—24 & 25 August 2011

The Wheatbelt GP Network will be again having a stall at the Dowerin Field days where they will be promoting improving health outcomes in the Wheatbelt through General Practice.

CARE CO-ORDINATION AND SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICES (CCSS) PROGRAM

The Wheatbelt GP Network has recently employed Jason Collard, an Aboriginal Health Worker as a Care Co-ordinator - CCSS Program. Jason is working towards helping GPs to contribute to improved health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with chronic health conditions.

Care Coordination provided by the Network's Aboriginal Health Worker to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients with a chronic disease. Patients must be referred by general practices participating in the Practice Incentives Program Indigenous Health Incentive (PIP IHI); and

Supplementary Services. There is a flexible pool of funds that can be used to assist patients receiving care coordination under the CCSS Program. The funds can be used to access medical specialist and allied health services that are in accordance with the patients care plan. The funds may also be used to assist with the cost of local transport to the health care appointments.

How would a Care Coordination Service work?

If a GP in a practice, participating in the PIP Indigenous Health Incentive (PIP IHI) identifies that the patient with a care plan would have improved health outcomes from having care coordination and monitoring of outcomes under the CCSS program and refers to the program.

The Care Coordinator works in consultation with the referring GP and in accordance with the care plan. The coordinator will provide feedback to the GP about how the patient is managing their condition/treatment and any other issues that may impact on the patient's health. For example, home safety or access issues that have a health implication.

For more information on this program Jason can be contacted by email at ccss@wheatbelt.com.au or on 9621 1530.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST for CPD event in Merredin

Dr Hannah Seymour, a Consultant Geriatrician and Clinical advisor for Aged Care (Royal Perth Hospital) will be visiting the **Merredin Hospital** on **10 October 2011** to do an education event for GP's at 6.00pm (dinner included).

Topics considered: Delirium - management and treatment, Parkinsons' disease, Mental Health and Aged Care (guest speaker - psycho-geriatrician), Falls - prevention and management. A fax out has been sent out for GPs to express interest.

Please fax back EOI to the Network on 9621 1532 or email networkassist@wheatbelt.com.au or phone Kat I'Anson on 9621 1530 for further information.

MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE TO WORK WITH YOUR PRACTICE

Do you see clients in your practice with Mental Health Disorders?

Would you like assistance in the management of these clients?

The Wheatbelt region is severely under resourced when it comes to mental health services. The Mental Health Nurse will enable Practices to provide a continual and patient centred care arrangement through a GP Mental Health Care Plan.

How will the Mental Health Nurse benefit your practice?

- Periodic review of clients Mental State.
- Medication monitoring and management.
- Providing psychoeducation and information on physical health care to clients.
- Referral to and arranging access to interventions from other health professionals when required.
- Development and ongoing review of client management plan.
- Collaborative support for medical practitioners working with mental illness.
- Opportunity for access to Medicare based mental health services:
 1. GP Mental Health Care Plan (Item 2710 or 2702)
 2. Review of a GP Mental Health Care Plan (Item 2712)
 3. GP Mental Health care consultation (Item 2713)

Marian O'Farrell is a Mental Health Nurse who has been employed to provide support services to patients throughout the Wheatbelt with severe mental disorders, thus reducing the need for hospital admissions and improving health outcomes for those clients. Marian can be contacted by email at mhnurse@wheatbelt.com.au or 0408 928 556.

ARTICLE IN THE MEDICAL JOURNAL OF AUSTRALIA

Dr David Lim, the Wheatbelt GP Network's NPS Facilitator has been published in The Medical Journal of Australia titled "**Australian dispensing doctors' prescribing: quantitative and qualitative analysis**".

David's contribution will appear in the **August 15, 2011** issue of the Journal and will also be available via the Contents page on The Medical Journal of Australia's website at http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/195_04_150811/contents_150811.html from the above publication date.

IMPLANON TRAINING IN NORTHAM 24 August 2011

The device for Implanon has changed and the old device is no longer available from 1 July 2011. MSD will be running a training session in Northam on 24 August 2011. GPs can apply for points for attending this workshop.

Venue : Allied Health rooms
104 Wellington St, NORTHAM

Time: 12.30pm (Lunch will be supplied)

The session will be 45 minutes maximum and GPs would just need to complete a short online educational training in their own time prior. On completion of both the online and the practical, GPs will be sent certificates, stating they have completed Implanon NXT training.

GPs were sent an access code previously to complete the online training, but if they have misplaced this, they just need to either phone 1800 230 330 or email info@nxttraining.com.au and they will be given a new code. Access to the online modules is via www.msdonline.com.au/nxt

ORIENTATION COURSE BACK ON LINE!!

Orientation Program for Nurses New to General Practice

The Orientation Program for Nurses New to General Practice is now back online. An extensive overhaul of the Orientation Program content, as well as structural changes to the online system has caused this training package to be offline for a number of weeks. In an effort to welcome back old participants and encourage new ones, this program will be free to enrol until 16 August 2011. Once participants have enrolled in this window of time, they can access it beyond 16 August 2011 for free, as there are no time constraints after enrolment.

Please visit <http://generalpracticenursing.com.au/education/orientation-program-for-nurses-new-to-general-practice> for further information.