

31 August 2011

**Wheatbelt
GP Network**



Building healthy communities through General Practice.

MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO WORK WITH YOUR PRACTICE

The Wheatbelt GP Network has a Mental Health Nurse who will enable Practices to provide a continual and patient centred care arrangement through a GP Mental Health Care Plan.

Marian O'Farrell 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 on mhnurse@wheatbelt.com.au or by telephone on 0408 928 556.

Australian Doctor Education Seminar INTERNAL MEDICINE Full Day Seminar 1 October 2011

A full day seminar will be held at Curtin University on 1 October 2011. Register before 30 September 2011 to receive your **FREE** 2011 How to Treat Yearbook. Early bird rates apply if you register before 9 September 2011.

Topics Covered:

- Lung cancer in 2011
- The latest on coeliac disease
- Clotting conditions in general practice
- Detecting and managing arrhythmias
- Update on type 2 diabetes management
- Systematic approach to thyroid disease

Key Learning Objectives:

- Recognise various cardiac arrhythmias and understand their clinical implications.
- Develop a systematic approach to assessing and investigating thyroid disease.
- Recognise patients at increased risk of thrombosis and develop strategies to minimise this risk to ensure patient safety.
- Develop greater confidence in managing type 2 diabetes.
- Identify patients with possible coeliac disease and ensure optimal assessment.

For a full list of speakers or to book online go to :

www.australiandoctor.com.au/seminars

Call (02) 9422 2896 to register over the phone.

UWA Multidisciplinary Health Symposium CARE OF THE DIABETIC PATIENT

An exciting new educational event with a focus on diabetes for members of the Multidisciplinary Health Care Team.

Saturday 22 October 2011

8.30am—4.30pm

**Theatre Auditorium
The UWA Club**

Topics Covered

- Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes
- Risk and prevention
- Management of blood glucose
- Cardiovascular disease
- Retinopathy
- Neuropathy
- Nephropathy
- The Diabetic foot
- Complex care
- Gestational Diabetes
- Diabetes and oral health
- The Moorditj Djena Outreach Service

Program and registration details available at:

www.biomedchem.uwa.edu.au/cpd/program

UWA CPD Health -

cpdhealth@uwa.edu.au

RURAL HEALTH WEST Dermatology—Skin Cancer

Tuesday 6 September 2011 / 7.30pm-8.30pm (WST)

Channel 23 on your decoder

Webcast on www.ruralhealth.com.au > Education > Rural Doctors Broadcasts

The aim of this Rural Doctors Broadcast is to provide rural and remote general practitioners with information on:

- Recognition and management of various types of skin cancer.
- Advances in the treatment of melanoma
- Support and advisory services available to General Practitioners and their patients.

For further information on WA Melanoma Advisory Service (WAMAS) please email wamas@sjog.org.au

To access the 2009 WAMAS booklet Information for Medical Practitioners visit www.cancerwa.asn.au/resources

OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO SIGN UP FOR DIRECT IMMUNISATION UPDATES Department of Health - Public Health

Immunisation service providers are encouraged to resister their email address with the communicable Disease Control Directorate to enable them to receive ongoing immunisation updates/alerts.

Email addresses will be maintained as per Department of Health policy and will not be given to another source without permission or used for any other purpose other than to send you updated immunisation material.

The Communicable Disease Control Directorate encourages immunisation service providers to subscribe to vaccine updates by:

Send your full name and email address and write "subscribe" in the email subject heading : vaccineupdates@health.wa.gov.au

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS - Why Bother?? Saturday, 17 September 2011 Department of Health - Public Health

This 4 hour practical workshop will cover current STI epidemiology in WA and provide practical strategies for raising sexual health issues and opportunistic screening in primary care settings.

In addition to this, the workshop will utilise interactive case studies which both allow participants to increase their confidence in STI identification and management, but also provide participants an opportunity to share their knowledge and experience in sexual health.

This practical workshop will:

- Provide current STI epidemiology in WA
- Provide practical strategies for raising sexual health issues and opportunistic screening
- Use interactive case studies to share knowledge and experiences in sexual health

This is a FREE course - afternoon tea will be provided. This workshop will be suitable for GPs, doctors, nurses and allied health workers.

Venue: Grace Vaughan House
227 Stubbs Tce, SHENTON PARK WA

Time: 12.30pm - 4.30pm

Register at: www.ashm.org.au/courses

Registrations Close: Friday, 3 September 2011

For further details contact:

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COMMUNITY PRESCRIBING OF OPIOID PHARMACOTHERAPY TRAINING Next Step Drug & Alcohol Services Friday 7 October 2011

The Community Program for Opioid Pharmacotherapy (CPOP) increases the availability of treatment for people dependent on heroin and other opioids (such as morphine and other prescribed painkillers) in the community.

CPOP training covers:

- Assessment of drug use, with a focus on opioid dependence, and treatment options.
- Treatment planning and induction onto pharmacotherapies.
- Management of co-existing conditions.
- CPOP policies and procedures

Date : **Friday, 7 October 2011**

Venue : 32 Moore Street, EAST PERTH

Training is provided free of charge. A light lunch will be provided and GPs are eligible for Continuing Medical Education credits from the RACGP & ACRRM.

Bookings: Craig Carmichael (08) 9219 1896 or

Email : craig.carmichael@health.wa.gov.au

DOWERIN FIELD DAYS 2011

Dowerin was once again a great success in sending out a healthy message and promoting Aboriginal health, immunisation and the prevention of chronic disease. The Network also promoted a range of services including health checks and access to allied health services such as dietetics and counselling. The Network staff worked hard over the two days to promote General Practice in the Wheatbelt and an overall healthy message and the Network's programs. We look forward to the event for next year.