

# Friday Facts



## THE HEALTHY KIDS CHECK RESOURCE BOOKLETS

Provision of the booklet 'Get Set 4 Life' is mandatory when conducting a Healthy Kids Check, MBS item 709-711. Contrary to previous advice, the Department of Health & Ageing is not sending out these booklets to practices. You can order booklets via the website: [http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/Healthy\\_Kids\\_Check](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/Healthy_Kids_Check) (up to 100 at a time). Or email [resourcekits@health.gov.au](mailto:resourcekits@health.gov.au) or phone 1800 020 103.

## HIBERIX ORDERS AND ADMINISTRATION

DHS reminds practices to get HIBERIX orders in now to ensure that you have stock by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008. Fax your order to 1300 768 088 or email to [immunisation@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:immunisation@dhs.vic.gov.au). When should you use Hiberix vaccine? Has the child received Infanrix-hexa as part of the six-month schedule and is the child up to date with all vaccines? **Yes** – give Hiberix vaccine at 12 months of age **No** – give Comvax vaccine at 12 months of age **Unsure** – please call the Immunisation Program on phone 1300 882 008 for further advice.

## REGISTRATION NUMBER FOR VACCINE ORDERS

Please note that DHS has sent all providers a letter advising that you are now required to put either your Registration number or a Health Service Permit number on vaccine order forms. You have also been sent a form on which to provide this information, by fax, to CSL Logistics by close of business on Friday 19th September. If you require further information regarding these changes contact either the Immunisation Program on 1300 882 008 or the Drugs and Poisons Regulation Group on telephone (03) 9096 5050.

## USE OF MBS ITEMS FOR CDM

To increase awareness and correct use of MBS items relating to Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Medicare Australia is sending information packs to GP practice staff and allied health professionals. Packs contain: covering letter on accessing further CDM reference material; Quick reference guides for allied health professionals and GPs (additional copies are available to download from [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/epc](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/epc)); Information sheet (GP practice managers only); Department of Health and Ageing Information sheet and brochure for patients (GP practice staff only). This information will assist health care professionals to prepare comprehensive and Medicare compliant care plan documents.

## PRACTICE NURSES REDRAW MONASH UNIVERSITY SURVEY - Lucky prize draw winner

Unfortunately no one has claimed the winning prize for the Monash University Survey (Factors influencing practice nurses developing evidence-based practice) lucky prize draw. As a result Dr Mills has held a redraw and the **new** number is **1307**. Could you please re circulate this information to your practice nurse networks and if one of your nurses is the lucky ticket holder please ask them to contact me, Nicole Toon, GPV, on phone 9341 5243. Please note there if we have not heard from the ticket holder (#1307) by close of business on Friday 5th September we will hold another draw.

## ACEM SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Western Health Emergency Departments are hosting the Australian College of Emergency Medicine (ACEM) Vic Faculty Scientific Meeting this year at Sunshine Hospital and would like to invite interested GP's and GP Registrars to the meeting. The keynote speaker is Prof Loane Skene talking about the ethics of critical care interventions. All other speakers are from Western Health, presenting topics that are likely to be of interest to GPs. **Date:** Saturday 30 August **Time:** 8.30am-6.00pm **Venue:** Club Italia Sporting Club, 128 Furlong Rd, Sunshine (next to Sunshine Hospital, just off the Western Ring Road) Further info/RSVP: please email [cjyates\\_psi@yahoo.com.au](mailto:cjyates_psi@yahoo.com.au).

## NORTHERN MELBOURNE HEADSPACE – YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Interest is sought from GPs in the cities of Broadmeadows and Moreland to participate in the Northern Melbourne headspace platform of services for young people. GPs are sought to receive facilitated referrals from headspace Care Co-ordinators for youth mental health assessments and care plans, and to refer where appropriate to allied health providers engaged by headspace. Headspace will also be an avenue for referral of existing GP patients aged 12 – 25 years, for allied mental health services. Headspace Care Co-ordinators are currently being employed by Northern Melbourne headspace and will engage young people, undertake initial screening for mental health issues, facilitate referrals and provide support to young people through the referral process to services. Interest is also sought from GPs who may be available to offer some sessions at headspace sites once developed. Please contact Fiona Duffy on phone 8480 4605 for further details.

## DOES YOUR PATIENT NEED A PAEDIATRIC SURGEON?

Dr Guin Wilson, Paediatric Surgeon, consults at Craigieburn Health Service on alternate Wednesday mornings. General and Thoracic Paediatric surgery 0 –16 years, Surgery at The Northern Hospital or Broadmeadows Health Service, Advice re options for patients requesting cultural circumcision. Direct your referrals to: Craigieburn Intake Worker, Craigieburn Health Service, 350 Craigieburn Road West, Craigieburn, 3064 or Fax: 9308 3022.

## NPS SURVEY - TREATING THE SYMPTOMS OF DEMENTIA

National Prescribing Service Limited (NPS) will introduce a new program in September that explores the evidence for the symptomatic treatment of dementia titled "*Treating the symptoms of dementia*". In the past NPS has collected information, which assesses the value of programs to GPs by paper-based surveys. For the first time, NPS is collecting this valuable information from GPs electronically. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in completing this 5-minute survey to assist us to evaluate this program and ensure it is of value to GPs. A follow-up survey will be sent to GPs in late 2009. No individual responses are received by NPS. All data are received as pooled estimates for each question thus ensuring the privacy of all respondents. For information on the link or if you have any further queries please contact Steven Riddell ([sriddell@nps.org.au](mailto:sriddell@nps.org.au)) or Svetlana Aristidi ([saristidi@nps.org.au](mailto:saristidi@nps.org.au))

## EDUCATION

### ELDER ABUSE: THE UNDISCUSSED EPIDEMIC – Last Chance to Register

Join impetus™ for an insightful discussion on Elder Abuse presented by Lillian Jeter, Executive Director of the Elder Abuse Prevention Association. Lillian will take you through the current trends of elder abuse within the community and aged care setting and discuss reporting obligations, indicators of abuse and much more. If you are interested in attending 27 August—a lunch time session—please call Di\* Stewart on phone 8345 5600.

### PRACTICE NURSES NETWORK SEMINAR

Topics to be covered: Update on the new MBS item numbers, Diabetes–Life and Lifestyle Modification Program and New!!! Certificate Courses developed by The Benchmark Group for practice nurses. **Date:** 27 August **Time:** 6.30-8.45pm **Venue:** Gardenhurst Reception and Conference Centre. Contact Karen Hoffman on phone 8345 5600 for further information or a registration form.

### UPLIFTING DEMENTIA SEMINAR – HURRY, FILLING FAST!

Come and hear Leah's Bisiani's journey as the manager of a dementia specific facility. Leah—who is currently completing her Masters in Health Science with a dementia stream – will discuss dementia care for the elderly in an aged care facility. GPs and Practice staff welcome. **Date:** 13 November **Time:** 1-3pm **Venue:** Glenlyn Aged Care Facility. Contact Di Stewart on phone 8345 5600 for a registration form.

### DIABETES TRAINING FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute, Mayfield Education Centre, and Diabetes Australia-Vic are offering the following workshops in Caulfield: "Eating disorders and type 1 diabetes": half day, October 17<sup>th</sup> 2008. "Diabetes ketoacidosis": half day, October 17<sup>th</sup> 2008. "2-day intensive diabetes program": 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008. "5-day comprehensive diabetes program": 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October 2008. For further information go to website: [www.bakeridi.edu.au](http://www.bakeridi.edu.au) or phone Christine McGregor on 9258 5053 or email [christine.mcgregor@bakeridi.edu.au](mailto:christine.mcgregor@bakeridi.edu.au)

### MANAGING COPD – THERE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO

This course is for health professionals who want to improve their understanding of and update their knowledge in the current treatment and management of COPD. Topics Include: COPDXguidelines, smoking cessation, home oxygen therapy, pulmonary rehabilitation, device use, medications, nutrition and palliative care. **Date:** 10-11 September. For more details and registration forms phone 9076 2382 or email: [lunghealth@alfred.org.au](mailto:lunghealth@alfred.org.au) or from website: [www.lunghealth.org](http://www.lunghealth.org)

### THE SPRING "MALE CARERS ONLY" SESSIONS, BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER 2008.

The series of 5 sessions includes: Changes of family roles when you become a carer. (Don Burnard) Challenges of caring; (Don Burnard - Psychologist); Looking after yourself (Physiotherapist); Mini health tune up (Community Nurse); Meal planning and preparation (Dietician); Time out; Self care; Social contact. **Venue:** CCRC/CarerLinks North, 4 Bruce St Preston **Time:** 10am-12 noon **Dates:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> September 14 and 28 October **RSVP:** Friday August 22 Phone Anna 9495 2500 (In home respite and transport can be provided if needed and requested at the time of RSVP)

\*Maximum 12 participants. Register your interest ASAP to avoid disappointment!

### 4TH ANNUAL NATIONAL DISEASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

The Australian Disease Management Association's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference is just over two weeks away. **Topic:** Evaluating Disease Management **Date:** 4-5 September **Venue:** Intercontinental Sydney A very full program of International and National key speakers will be part of the conference. For further information phone 9076 6964 or email [K.Fiddes@alfred.org.au](mailto:K.Fiddes@alfred.org.au).

### THE 'PUTTING LIFE INTO PRACTICE' WORKSHOP

This workshop is for people who work to prevent suicide and self-harm. Throughout the day we will look at how the newly revised Living Is For Everyone (LIFE) Framework<sup>1</sup> can be applied to current suicide prevention initiatives – illustrated by case studies provided by project officers in national and community programs. The workshop includes an opportunity for delegates to share their current suicide prevention activities – examining what works and what can be improved. Leaders and advocates in suicide prevention will provide valuable insights, including Professor Ian Webster AO and ABC broadcaster Craig Hamilton, who lives with bipolar disorder. The day will also feature an open forum with a panel of experts. For more information contact Rhona Rees at LIFE Communications on phone 8398 8408 or email [rees@crisissupport.org.au](mailto:rees@crisissupport.org.au)

### NORTHPARK PRIVATE HOSPITAL CPDs FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

Tuesday August 26 – Skin Cancer and Plastic Surgery: Early Recognition and Biopsy –Mr Mark Baldwin; Wednesday October 29 – Scrotal Disorders in Children – Dr Alex Auld; Tuesday November 25- Mindfulness Therapies in the Treatment of Depression and Anxiety- Dr Surya Tipirneni. For further information please contact Jo Robertson on phone 0409 939 332 or email [jo.robertson@healthscope.com.au](mailto:jo.robertson@healthscope.com.au)