

OGPN Weekly Update 26th August 2010

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OGPN PROGRAM UPDATES

OGPN Memberships Renewals Alert: Has Your Payment Been Reconciled?

Some members have recently paid membership renewals by cheque or direct debit, without giving reference to their name or practice. If you have forwarded a payment between 15/07/10 and 19/07/10, and have NOT received payment confirmation, please contact Robyn Wolski or Arlene McGregor on 9201 0044 so that your membership payment can be reconciled.

Fresh Start Smoking Cessation Program

Commencing Soon - OGPN will be providing the Fresh start program for your patients who are ready or want help to quit smoking. The course comprises of eight, 1-1 ½ hour group sessions, held twice weekly over 4 weeks covers strategies to overcome smoking addiction such as:

- Why you smoke
- What part smoking plays in your life
- Ways to quit
- How to change your habits
- How to cope with stopping smoking
- How to stay stopped

The cost of the course is \$100 or \$50 for Health care card holders. For more information, contact Fresh Start Program Manager on 9208 9513 or email stefaniej@ogpn.com.au

Final Reminder: Annual Practice Survey 2010

The invitation to participate in the 2010 Practice Survey was recently sent to all Practices. For the first time, OGPN have utilised an online survey tool, all you need is access to the internet to complete!

To complete the survey please visit the link http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OGPN_Practice_Survey_2010 and complete online. The survey is very easy and quick and should only take 15 minutes to complete. Your response is very important to us so that we can identify your needs and continue to effectively support GPs and Practice staff. All Practices who complete the online survey by Friday 27th August 2010 will automatically receive a delicious box of Lindt chocolates.

Final Reminder: Annual GP Satisfaction Survey 2010 – Last chance to win an Ipad!

The invitation to participate in the 2010 GP Satisfaction Survey was recently sent to all GP's. For the first time, OGPN have utilised an online survey tool, all you need is access to the internet to complete!

In addition to our comprehensive triennial Needs Analysis, OGPN are conducting a GP Satisfaction Survey to collect an annual snapshot of our local GP's opinions. By completing the brief and anonymous survey, you will be helping OGPN to refine the programs and services we offer to our members, practices, and local community.

To complete the survey please visit the link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MMF66DN> and complete online. All surveys will be eligible to enter the draw to **win an Apple Ipad** by completing the online survey to the Network by Friday 27th August 2010.

2010/2011 OGPN Membership Renewals & Invitation to Join

It's that time of the year again when the Osborne GP Network invites you to renew your membership or invites you to become a member for the 2010/2011 financial year.

OGPN members enjoy access to;

- High quality service
- Relevant and up to date information
- Responsive and professional staff to assist with reliable, unbiased advice and support

Our friendly and enthusiastic staff welcome your enquiries and are available to provide you with support, education opportunities and resources. If you have not received your renewal pack, please contact OGPN on Ph: (08) 9201 0044 or email info@ogpn.com.au.

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Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Program

On the 30th July 2010 the Chief Medical Officer advised that the suspension of use of 2010 trivalent influenza vaccine for healthy children less than 5 years of age can now be lifted, provided the trivalent influenza vaccine (TIV) to be used is either Vaxigrip® or Influvac®.

The CMOs letter, a fact sheet, and detailed Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) advice for clinicians on the 2010 trivalent influenza vaccine for healthy children aged 6 months to less than 5 years are posted on the Immunise Australia website at www.immunise.health.gov.au. Additional information can be accessed on the same by phoning the Immunise Australia Call Centre on 1800 671 811.

Health Professionals:

WA Health Professionals can contact their relevant population health units with questions regarding the vaccination program. The North Metropolitan Population Health Unit number is 9380 7700. Information and communications for health professionals can be accessed at the WA Department of Health website: http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/3/952/3/human_swine_flu_health_providers.pm

General Information:

General information on the National Vaccination Program can be found via the Commonwealth website: <http://www.healthemergency.gov.au/internet/healthemergency/publishing.nsf>

General information on the Influenza vaccination program can be found on the WA Department of Health website: http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/2/949/2/human_swine_flu.pm

Public Enquiries:

The WA Vaccine Information Line for members of the public is 1800 186 815. The Commonwealth government information line is 180 2007. The general public may also call Health Direct at 1800 022 222 if feeling unwell.

OGPN EVENTS

Nurse Breakfast Meeting: Medical Imaging Techniques in General Practice

OGPN invites Practice Nurses to attend a breakfast meeting on Medical Imaging Techniques in General Practice:

Date: Tuesday 7th September 2010
Time: 7.30am – 8.30am
Venue: Suite 4/137, Main Street, Osborne Park
RSVP: Fax Response form to Jennifer Hughes by Friday 3rd September or email jenniferh@ogpn.com.au

Older Adult Psychiatry Workshop for GPs

OGPN in collaboration with the North Metropolitan Older Adult Mental Health Service, invites GPs to attend this Active Learning Module on patients over 65 years old, who have or may develop psychiatric illness complicated by conditions of ageing, serious behavioural disturbance related to dementia, and/or a newly arising mental disorder.

Date: Thursday, 2nd September **AND** Saturday 11th September 2010
Time: **Thursday** 6:30pm -9:30pm (registration and light refreshments from 6:00pm).
Saturday 9:00am - 12:30pm (registration and light refreshments from 8:30am).
Venue: Suite 4/137, Main Street, Osborne Park
RSVP: Fax Response Form to Paula Braimbridge by Friday 27th August or email paulab@ogpn.com.au
RACGP QA & CPD Points: 40 Category One points.

GP's must complete both workshops plus pre and post workshop activity to obtain points.

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Asthma Education for GPs and Nurses

The Osborne GP Network invites General Practitioners and Nurses to attend an informative Asthma education event that will workshop topics including; Asthma diagnosis & monitoring, triggers, medications and models of care.

Date: Wednesday 1st September 2010
 Speaker: Yvonne Ashworth - Community Asthma Education Officer
 Time: 6:30pm (registration and light supper from 6:00pm).
 Venue: Suite 4/137, Main Street, Osborne Park
 Cost: Free for OGPN members, \$33 for non-members
 RSVP: Fax Response Form to Stefanie Johnston by Friday 27th August, 2010 or email stefaniej@ogpn.com.au

Ear Irrigation Course for Nurses

OGPN will be hosting a course presented by the Benchmark Group in 'Ear Irrigation Using Low Pressure Ear Irrigation Devices'. The course incorporates approx 10 hours of learning (self directed and group workshop), and is designed develop the knowledge required to safely asses the need for the procedure and impart the skills necessary to perform it.

Date: Thursday 30th September 2010
 Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm (registration from 8:45am).
 Venue: Suite 4/137, Main Street, Osborne Park
 Cost: \$325 p/p (discount available for 2 or more people attending from same practice)
 RSVP: Register online at www.benchmarkgroup.com.au or phone 1300 855 568

COMMUNITY UPDATES & EVENTS

PracSoft Training Now Available

Medident are now providing basic and advanced training course for the PracSoft package.

Dates: Saturday 4th September 2010
 Saturday 18th September 2010
 Saturday 23rd October 2010
 Cost: \$180 p/p

For further information or to book your place, visit www.medidenttraing.com.au or email admin@medidenttraining.com.au

RESPONSE FORM: Please fill in all fields and fax back to 9201 0033

Event/Resource Name:	
Participant/Requester Name:	
Practice:	
Phone:	
Fax:	
Email:	
Dietary Requirements:	
RACGP CPD Points No.	

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Request for OGPN GP Feedback

The Health Department of WA has released a first draft of a soon to be available **Request for Renal Specialist Outpatient Appointment Form** and **Referral for Renal Disease Letter**, and is seeking feedback from GPs on its content. Please see below and forward any suggested amendments or additions to OGPN Deputy Chair Dr Steven Kan at skan@iinet.net.au by 31st August 2010.

Request for Renal Specialist Outpatient Appointment

HOSPITAL
SPECIALTY/CLINIC

Renal

NAME OF SPECIALIST PREFERRED

Has the patient previously been seen by this hospital?

 No

Year

Yes

Has the patient previously been referred to the renal clinic/speciality

 Yes

 No

PATIENT DETAILS
Medical Record Number (if known)

Please select if applicable for this referral:

**DVA White /
DVA gold:**
Number:
Medicare Number:

Ref No:

Date of Birth:
 /
 /

**Male /
Female**
Marital Status: M / S / W / D / Sep / Defacto
Country of Birth:

Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander / Neither

Surname:
**Previous surname (i.e.
maiden name):**
First names:
**Preferred
name/Title**
Address:
Mailing Address (if different)
Phone: home
Work:
Mobile:
Next of Kin (Essential if under 18 years/guardian)
SPECIAL NEEDS
Relationship:

If interpreter required, specify language & dialect

First Name:
Surname:
**Other special
needs:**
Phone:
REFERRING DOCTOR
Name:
LENGTH OF REFERRAL
 12 months

 Other

Address:
REFERRAL RECOMMENDATION

This patient needs to be seen (please indicate)

Postcode:
 Routine

Phone:
 Urgent

Fax:
 or CPAC category 1,2, 3, 4, 5 (please indicate)

 Usual GP: as above Other (see below)

 Have discussed with Registrar/Consultant

Name (if known)
Name:
Suburb:
**Appointment
date given:**

(if applicable)

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Referral Letter for Renal Disease

REASON FOR REFERRING (Please tick more than one if applicable from the list below)

Immediate referral (Contact Renal Service via Hospital Switchboard)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Malignant hypertension | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperkalaemia (K>7.0mmol/l) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> eGFR <15ml/min | <input type="checkbox"/> Acute Renal Failure and Systemic Illness |

Urgent referral (Category 1 <30 days)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acute Nephrotic Syndrome (Proteinuria>300mg/mmol), oedema & low serum albumin | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspected systemic illness, eg SLE with renal involvement. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unexplained or Symptomatic eGFR 15–29ml/min | |

Routine referral (Category 2 = 30 – 90 days)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suspected Glomerulonephritis: e.g Proteinuria/haematuria (urine PCR >100mg/mmol) | <input type="checkbox"/> eGFR 15–29ml/min (clinically well or known diagnosis) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> eGFR 30–59ml/min and:
<input type="checkbox"/> indigenous with diabetes* | <input type="checkbox"/> eGFR <60ml/min and eGFR decline >10% in 2 months* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anaemia (Hb <100g/l)* | <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal potassium, calcium or phosphate* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> uncontrolled hypertension on 3 agents including a diuretic* | |

Routine referral (Category 3 = 90 – 365 days)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> eGFR 30–59ml/min without criteria for category 2 (*as per above list): | <input type="checkbox"/> eGFR >60ml/min and suspected renal disease |
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Additional Diagnoses

Diabetes mellitus: No Yes

Hypertension: No Yes

Cardiac disease No Yes

Peripheral vascular disease No Yes

Other Conditions:

Smoking Status: _____

Body Weight: _____

Creatinine: _____

eGFR _____

Current medications:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS for REFERRAL and attach other information for eg drug allergies or reactions :

PLEASE ATTACH COPIES OF ALL CURRENT RELEVANT INVESTIGATIONS / REPORTS/ LETTERS

Doctor's Signature

Provider Number

Date