

OGPN Weekly Update 4th March 2010

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OGPN PROGRAM UPDATES

Update on Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza Vaccination

The Chief Medical Officer wrote to primary healthcare providers in February providing an update on the Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza Vaccination, including;

"I am writing to you now to;

- Encourage you to offer pandemic (H1N1) 2009 vaccination to all your patients;
- Inform you of the availability of new pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza resources;
- Advise you of the extension to the eligibility criteria for free seasonal vaccination under the National Immunisation Program

The Australian Government will be informing the general public of the importance pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza vaccination in a communications campaign in the coming weeks. Please talk to your patients about the importance of getting vaccinated. Brochures and resources are available by visiting www.healthemergency.gov.au or by calling **1800 020 103.**"

ART YO For Young People – Now Accepting Referrals

Creative Expression for Emotional Well-being

ART YO is an Osborne GP Network Youth Health Program for young people who are experiencing emotional issues or stress which is compromising their sense of well-being.

This 8 week program will provide opportunities for young people aged 13-17 years to identify and express feelings, encourage positive coping strategies, increase self confidence in managing relationships and will provide support for young people at critical times in their lives.

A GP or Psychologist (School or Private) referral is essential. The next program starts on Tuesday 27th April 2010 and runs for 8 weeks.

For further information on the program contact ART YO Program Manager, Lisa Tomney on 9208 9520 or email lisat@ogpn.com.au

Treatment of Alcohol Problems

The Dept of Health and Ageing have updated the Guidelines for the Treatment of Alcohol Problems. The comprehensive 230 page book covers the following:

Introduction, Prevalence of alcohol consumption and related harms in Australia, Screening, Assessment and treatment planning, Brief intervention, Alcohol withdrawal management, Psychosocial interventions for alcohol use disorders, Pharmacotherapies for alcohol dependence, Self-help programs, Specific populations, Comorbidities, Aftercare and long-term follow-up.

Further to this, a 9 page Quick Reference Guide (companion guide to the above) is available also.

To order either of the above, please fill in the Response Form on the back page and fax to 9201 0033 or alternatively, contact Simone Hutchinson: simoneh@ogpn.com.au or Ph: 9208 9523.

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OGPN EVENTS

Want to claim Item 2710?

Register for Young Minds Mental Health Skills Training

Treating Depression & Anxiety in Young People - Presented by Lidia Genovese

OGPN invites you attend Young Minds: Treating Depression & Anxiety in Young People.

Young Minds is a prevention and early intervention program focusing on skills development in the identification, diagnosis, management and treatment of high prevalence mental health disorders occurring in young people between the ages of 12 and 24.

Young Minds is a General Practice Mental Health Standards Collaboration accredited Mental Health Skills Training package, approved and endorsed by RACGP (6 hour ALM, completion earns 40 CPD points).

Date: Saturday 27th March 2010

Time: 8:00am - Registration

8:30am sharp to 4:30pm - Training

Venue: Osborne GP Network, Suite 4/137 Main Street, Osborne Park

Presenter: Lidia Genovese (Counselling Psychologist)

Cost: FREE to OGPN members

\$33.00 for Non OGPN members (invoices provided on confirmation)

RSVP: Wednesday 17th March 2010

Please complete the Event Response Form at the back of this update and return attention to Paula Braimbridge, Mental Health Program Manager on fax (08) 9201 0033. Alternatively email paulab@ogpn.com.au or phone (08) 9208 9512 for further enquires.

Nursing Breakfast Meeting

OGPN invites Practice Nurses to attend a Nursing Breakfast Meeting.

Topic: Diabetes Cycle of Care

Presenter: Annette Hart (Credentialed Diabetes Educator)

When: Tuesday 9th March 2010

Time: 7:30 am – 8:30am

Venue: Osborne GP Network
137 Main St., Osborne Park

RSVP: Friday 5th March 2010

Contact: Jennifer Hughes, GP & Practice Support Program Manager on 9208 9510 or email jenniferh@ogpn.com.au

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COMMUNITY UPDATES & EVENTS

RPH Plastic Surgery Referrals

RPH is no longer taking new Plastic Surgery referrals for patients who reside in the North Metropolitan Area Health Service due to the enormous demand on the RPH Plastic Surgery Department and consequently longer waits for your patients to receive treatment at RPH. **To avoid patient confusion, please refer "in catchment" for the POSTCODE WHERE THE PATIENT LIVES unless there is good reason to do otherwise**

NEW plastic surgery referrals sent to RPH relating to patients residing in the North Metro Area Health Service are being sent on to SCGH (in summary, postcodes 6000-6038, 6050-6085). Referrals for patients in the Fremantle Hospital catchment will likewise be redirected to Fremantle. When this occurs, both your patient and you will be notified in writing of the redirection and the reason.

If there is a reason for referring "out of catchment" (for example previously seen for the same problem or extensive history at RPH) please **CLEARLY specify the reason** on the referral to help avoid unnecessary diversion. If you need advice on referrals to RPH, please phone the **Clinical Priority Access Nurse: Delia Perrett** on 9224 3650.

HPV Notification Payments End Soon

All GPs registered with the National HPV Vaccination Program Register (NHVPR) should receive a letter in the near future regarding payments for eligible consumers. GPs that have registered for online access can access payment reports, overdue dose reports and check the vaccination status of patients online.

All patients will receive Completion Statements from the HPV register advising that they have completed the HPV vaccination course and will be contacted by the Register if a booster dose is required.

Time is now running out to receive payments for HPV vaccinations notified to the HPV vaccination Register. To ensure you receive notification payments for outstanding vaccination data (\$6 per dose notified), notifications must be received by **31 March 2010**. Further, payments can only be made for HPV vaccinations given to eligible consumers where data are received in an accepted format with all complete mandatory information (*GP Provider number, patient name and address details, date of birth, Medicare number, vaccination date and dose number*). GPs must be registered with the HPV Register in order to receive payment as they require banking details. The Register does request that notifications are not re-submitted as this delays processing and payment of other notifications.

Any queries can be directed to 1800 478 734 (1800 HPV REG) available Monday to Saturday.

GP & Practice Staff Wanted and Locums Available

For an up to date list of current vacancies and available locums, please visit the Employment page of the OGPN website www.ogpn.com.au

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Participant/Requester Name:	
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