




## E-news PM

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**Only register for events when you receive the flyer**

Practice Managers Education, Networking & Lunch 'n' Learn Topics	Date	Venue	Presenters
CPR / First Aid Training For Practice Reception Staff <i>Co-contribution payment required for this event amount TBC</i>	CPR Only 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2011 6-8pm  CPR/First Aid 2 nights 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2011 6-9pm	TBC	Emergency Healthcare Solutions P/L <i>1 x CPR course for those who completed the combined CPR/ First Aid training last year. 1 x CPR/First Aid for practice staff who require both. (The CPR/First Aid will be run over 2 nights with some pre-reading)</i>
PM Lunch n Learn Network Meeting	TBC September 2011	TBC	TBC How to design and produce a professional and regular newsletter for your practice.
AAPM National Conference	October 18 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> 2011	Burswood Entertainment Centre, Perth	Visit the website for more information and registration. <a href="http://www.cdesign.com.au/aapm2011">www.cdesign.com.au/aapm2011</a>
PM Lunch n Learn Network Finger Food & Drinks	Thursday December 15 <sup>th</sup> 2011 6pm	Manyung Gallery	Purely networking and opportunity to catch up with other practice managers in our area.
AAPM Professional Development Day & AGM For further information and registration: Please download  <a href="#">flyer</a> Or contact AAPM Victoria by T:1300 651 334 Fax 1300 651 336 or <a href="#">Email</a>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Novotel on Collins Melbourne RSVP 19 <sup>th</sup> August Registrations are limited for this event.	The program includes: Financial Planning for Practice Managers, Recruitment Best Practice. Followed by the Victorian Branch AGM and networking cocktails.
AGPAL Satellite Navigation Workshop 2011 <b>Target Audience:</b> Practice Staff	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> or Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2011	CBD Melbourne	The AGPAL road show is travelling to a major city near you to ensure the 4th Edition Standards journey is simple and uncomplicated for your practice. Your full

<b>For further information and registration:</b> <a href="#">ewebsite</a>			day itinerary consists of tours which explain accreditation and what the new Standards mean to you and your practice.
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**GP's are more than welcome to attend any of the above PM Lunch n Learn meetings. Be sure to register for catering purposes by phoning PGPN on 9708 8019 or email [events@pgpn.org.au](mailto:events@pgpn.org.au)**

### **PGPN Website:**

Take a look at our new website which is now up and running. List our website in your favorites to easily access new features such as our events page enabling you to register for events online.

[www.pgpn.org.au](http://www.pgpn.org.au)

### **PGPN Masquerade Ball:**

An event not to be missed September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Mornington Racecourse.

This event will be a great fun night with lots of entertainment and funds raised from this will go towards supporting the Peninsula Hospice Service. Come on your own or get together a table as a practice, to register follow the link; [http://www.pgpn.org.au/events16Sep11\\_masqueradeball.html](http://www.pgpn.org.au/events16Sep11_masqueradeball.html)

### **Integrated Medicare Easyclaim with Tyro & HCN:**

Is the most widely used Easyclaim solution on the market and currently accounts for over 50% of all Easyclaim transactions.

The solution -

- Streamlines patient billing and claiming
- Eliminates data entry errors
- Patient rebates are paid back into patients bank account immediately
- Offers paperless Bulk Bill claiming

**Until August 31, 2011 they're offering all GP's that use PracSoft Software free installation, free training and a \$100 Westfield gift voucher, when they sign up for Integrated Medicare Easyclaim.**

Offered currently are free online, interactive demonstrations, so that practices can see how the solution will work for them, before signing up. More information can be found at [www.rollout.tyro.com](http://www.rollout.tyro.com) Or Alison O'Brien Health Industry Team Manager Tyro payments on 02 8907 1717 or email: [aobrien@tyro.com](mailto:aobrien@tyro.com)



### **PrimaryCare Sidebar (PCSB)**

Quite a few practices now have the PrimaryCare Sidebar in their practice and are now looking for support on how to use it.

The RACGP recommend that practice staff be in touch with the College and they will provide you with information, also suggested was you look at:

<http://www.racgp.org.au/ehealth/primarycaresidebar>

<http://www.racgp.org.au/ehealth>

[http://www.racgp.org.au/Content/NavigationMenu/Membershipinformation/docs/membership\\_pcsidebaroffer2011.pdf](http://www.racgp.org.au/Content/NavigationMenu/Membershipinformation/docs/membership_pcsidebaroffer2011.pdf)

There is a helpdesk number 1800 762 993

There is a membership brochure that details how to get the PCSB for free through RACGP early bird membership.

## **Immunisation News:**

### **Transition to Prevenar 13 Vaccine**

As you may or may not be aware by now Prevenar vaccine will cease to be used from 1 July 2011. Prevenar 13 will replace it in the infant primary immunisation schedule at two, four and six months of age. In addition a supplementary catch-up dose of Prevenar 13 for all children aged 12 months to 35 months will be commencing 1 October 2011. This catch-up vaccine program will run until 30 September 2012. Prevenar 13 comprises an expanded range of pneumococcal strains to protect children against pneumococcal bacteria. Prevenar 13 protects against 13 strains including 19A which recently accounted for 20% of pneumococcal disease notifications in Victoria. The fact sheet for advice about the transition to Prevenar 13 vaccine; a new National Immunisation Program schedule and criteria for use of government vaccine fact sheet are available online. Please call the Immunisation Section on 1300 882 008

<http://docs.health.vic.gov.au/docs/doc/Transition-to-Prevenar-13-fact-sheet>

### **Practice Nurse Incentive Program (PNIP)**

Ready Reckoner- Is a tool which provides an estimate only of the incentive payment a practice may be eligible for under the Practice Nurse Incentive Program and is provided for your information only. The estimate should not be relied upon as the incentive payment you may be eligible to receive under the Practice Nurse Incentive Program. An accurate assessment can only be made by Medicare Australia through the application process once the program has commenced on 1 January 2012. However this is a good way for practices to get a rough calculation of their PNIP

<http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/incentives/pnip/calculator.jsp>

### **Do you have any telehealth questions?:**

The RACGP has set up a special telehealth service centre, which is available for any telehealth related enquiries. The service centre can be contacted on 1800 257 053 between 9.00 am – 5.00 pm AEST Monday – Friday or by filling in the enquiry form which is available at [www.racgp.org.au/telehealth](http://www.racgp.org.au/telehealth)  
RACGP Telehealth fact Sheets:

<http://www.racgp.org.au/Content/NavigationMenu/PracticeSupport/Telehealth/TelehealthFactSheet.pdf>

Medicare Australia:

<http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/incentives/telehealth.jsp>

### **E-health – Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR):**

The Hon Nicola Roxon MP, Minister for Health and Ageing, has launched the *Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record System: legislation issues* paper, which outlines the proposed legislative framework to support the establishment and implementation of a national PCEHR system. To view the legislation issues paper, you can visit [www.yourhealth.gov.au](http://www.yourhealth.gov.au).

The aim is By 1 July 2012, every person in Australia should have the option to receive healthcare that is informed by a meaningful electronic health summary and feel confident that their healthcare providers can access the important information contained in this summary. PCEHR records offer the opportunity for patients to have a greater input into their ongoing healthcare, and may also provide increased patient empowerment. While the patient will have control over access to the PCEHR, the clinical safety and governance of the PCEHR will be driven by doctors to assist patients in their health management while ensuring ongoing quality care. Shared health information will allow for greater quality of care to be delivered to the patient by all clinicians who access the PCEHR.

### **General practice accreditation:**

The RACGP and accreditation agencies are interested in your Views on accreditation and how the RACGP maintains the *Standards*, a short survey focusing on motivations behind seeking accreditation/reaccreditation. Feedback can be provided by completing a short online survey at [www.racgp.org.au/standards/accreditation](http://www.racgp.org.au/standards/accreditation) or by emailing [standards@racgp.org.au](mailto:standards@racgp.org.au) . Responses are to be submitted by 12 August 2011.

### **Nurse Scholarships:**

Is your practice or practice nurse wanting to increase their knowledge and looking at ways to financially assist to achieve this?

Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme: Continuing Professional Development will open and applications will be available from the 25 July 2011.

The scheme provides financial assistance for Continuing Professional Development in the form of a scholarship worth up to a total of \$1,500 per applicant. These funds are intended to assist scholars in meeting the cost of their chosen CPD activity. NAHSSS is funded by Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. The scheme is an Australian Government initiative supporting nurses and midwives to undertake continuing professional education activities, short courses and conferences. If you would like to learn more about this scheme click on the links below.

<http://www.rcna.org.au/scholarships/nahssscpd>

<http://www.apna.asn.au/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=APNA/ccms.r?PageId=11143>

### **Diabetes Advisory Service for Practice Nurses:**

A reminder to all practice nurses that the Education Service at Baker IDI Heart & Diabetes Institute provides a free phone advisory service to assist you in managing your patients with diabetes. The service is available Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm. Telephone 8532 1762.

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