



Nursing News at Peninsula GP Network

My name is Lynda French and I am the newly appointed Primary Care Nursing Project Officer for PGPN. I am a registered nurse, have experience in practice nursing and am qualified as an educator for health professionals.

PGPN aims to promote, support and encourage an active practice nurse network. We aim to develop relationships with practice nurses and build the capacity of our primary care nursing workforce by assessing workforce and identifying gaps. We can offer support in recruitment, retention, and building of scope for practice nurses, through co-operation and integration with other PGPN programs. I am currently travelling around the network and looking forward to meeting with all nurses.

Primary Care Nursing Groups

PGPN aims to promote, support and encourage an active practice nurse network. Over the next few months we will facilitate the development of nurse groups for the purpose of general mentoring, networking and chronic disease management education. We will be encouraging all nurses in the network to meet regularly, develop peer support relationships, and enhance nursing skills through group participation. If you feel you could lead, or would like to participate in a nurse group in your local area, or the wider community of PGPN, please contact Lynda French by email, l.french@pgpn.org.au, or phone her on 9708 8019.

What is the Practice Nurse Incentive Program?

The Practice Nurse Incentive Program (PNIP) starts on 1 January 2012 and provides incentive payments to practices to support an expanded and enhanced role for nurses working in general practice.

General practices across Australia, including those in urban areas as well as Aboriginal Medical Services and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services may be eligible for an incentive to offset the costs of employing a practice nurse. One of the eligibility requirements is that your practice is accredited under the current Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) Standards for general practice.

The PNIP simplifies financing arrangements by consolidating funding arrangements under the Practice Incentive Program (PIP) Practice Nurse Incentive and six of the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) practice nurse items and redirecting them into a single payment to eligible general practices.

More information on the PNIP can be found at www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/incentives/pnip.jsp

Plan your education now

Did you know that you can access ongoing professional development at Peninsula Health? Contact **Frankston Hospital's Continuing Education & Development Unit**.
Phone: (03) 9784 7732 **Email:** cedu@phcn.vic.gov.au

The Benchmark Group Pty Limited

Upcoming:

- Coaching for Health & Wellbeing
- Ear Irrigation, Perform Blood Collection, IV Cannulation
- Wound Closure & Suturing Program.

<http://www.benchmarkgroup.com>

Ausmed Education Pty Ltd.

Upcoming:

- Nursing Care of People with Diabetes
- Advanced Analysis and Interpretation of the 12 Lead ECG, Advanced
- Palliative Care Nursing,
- Chronic Mental Illness

'Medicare 4 Year Old Health Check'

Ausmed has fully revised and put together a one day workshop for practice nurses to support Healthy Start for School initiative:

- Monday, 24th October 2011
OR
- Tuesday, 17th January 2012.

The program attracts 6.5 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hours, towards the mandatory hours set by APHRA.

www.Ausmed.com.au

http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/individuals/healthy_start_school.htm

Orientation Program for Nurses New to General Practice (online program)

This program is now back on line after overhaul of content and structural changes to the online system. To access go to <http://generalpracticenursing.com.eau/education/orientation-program-for-nurses-new-to-gneral-practice>

Southern Melbourne Integrated Cancer Services



SMICS recognise the role of the primary care provider as integral in all stages of cancer care provision; prevention and early detection of cancer; the referral to and provision of supportive care during acute treatment and end of life care and the monitoring of patients in remission for cancer recurrence. SMICS would like to see Primary care providers represented in these meetings to provide valuable input and an advocacy role for the primary care sector and to improve two way exchanges between the sectors. SMICS would welcome a leading representative GP or practice nurse with an interest in a particular tumour stream, tumour group meetings are planned to occur over a period of ten week period from 25 September- 27 November.

To date the tumour groups' membership has consisted of clinicians predominantly working in the acute sector from across the southern Melbourne and Peninsula region. The memberships comprise staff from Alfred Health, Cabrini Health, Peninsula Health and Southern Health. There is a mix of medical, nursing, allied health and consumer representatives on nearly all the tumour groups. The proposed venue for the meetings will be the Middle Brighton baths, Brighton.

If you are interested in putting your name forward to participate in one of the groups, please contact Lynda French at the network. L.french@pgpn.org.au

PapScreen Victoria Scholarships

PapScreen Victoria is providing scholarships for Immunisation Nurses to attend Preventing Cervical Cancer Conference 2011: Integrating screening and vaccination (PCC2011), which will be held in Melbourne from Wednesday 9 November to Friday 11 November 2011.

Applications open: **Monday 29 August**

Applications close: **Friday 2 September.**

<http://www.pcc2011.org.au/about.html>

Please note: Successful applicants will be required to contribute \$200.00 towards the registration fee (early bird registration is currently \$920.00).

To apply visit www.papscreen.org.au for the scholarship application form

RCNA Scholarships

The Nursing and Allied health Scholarships and Support Scheme will close 16 September 2011. Funding is available for practice nurses

Undertake postgraduate studies

Undertake continuing professional development, short courses and conferences

Go to www.rcna.org.au.

Upcoming Nursing Conferences

Inaugural Pan Pacific Pressure Ulcer Forum and Venous Leg Ulcer Forum

15-17 October 2011, Rydges Lakeside, Canberra, ACT.

Visit: www.panpacificulcerforums.com.au

RCNA Community and Primary Health Care Nursing Conference

Leading the way to local care

19-21 October 2011, Wrest Point Casino, Hobart, Tasmania.

Visit: <http://rcna.org.au/conferences/cphcnc/welcome>

Australian Wound Management Association Conference

Harbouring wound care

18-22 March 2012, Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, NSW.

Visit: <http://www.awma2012.com/>

Immunisation Update

On July 1 Prevenar 13 replaced the 7 valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine Prevenar in the infant primary immunisation schedule at two, four and six months of age. A supplementary catch up dose of Prevenar 13 will be commencing October 1, 2011 for all children aged 12 months to 35 months. This catch up program will run until 30 September 2012.

How to transition from Prevenar[®] to Prevenar 13[®] for a healthy child

Age at first	Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3	
presentation				
2 months	Give Prevenar 13 [®]	Give Prevenar 13 [®]	Give Prevenar 13 [®]	N/A
4 months	Had Prevenar [®]	Give Prevenar 13 [®]	Give Prevenar 13 [®]	N/A
6 months	Had Prevenar [®]	Had Prevenar [®]	Give Prevenar 13 [®]	N/A

The Commonwealth Government has announced a national supplementary vaccine program for Prevenar 13[®]. A single free dose of Prevenar 13[®] will be available for children aged between 12 months and 35 months inclusive.

To be eligible, a child must have the supplementary dose between their first and third birthdays. The program will be available for one year from 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012. Tell parents of eligible children to come for the vaccine as soon as possible from 1 October 2011.

Supplementary dose for Prevenar 13[®] from 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012

12-35 months old	Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3	Dose 4	Dose 5
Healthy child	Had Prevenar [®]	Had Prevenar [®]	Had Prevenar [®]	Give Prevenar 13 [®]	N/A
Child with an underlying medical condition	Had Prevenar [®]	Had Prevenar [®]	Had Prevenar [®]	Had Prevenar [®]	Give Prevenar 13 [®] a minimum of 2 months later

Two updated resources

1. National Immunisation Program (NIP) schedule

The Victorian July 2011 updated NIP can be downloaded at:
www.immunise.health.gov.au

2. Quick guide catch-up immunisation for Victoria.

(For people with no documentation of previous vaccines. July 2011)

The updated Quick guide includes the addition of Prevenar 13[®] vaccine. View or download at:

www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/general/quick-guide-catch-up-immunisation

Helpful Links

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency www.ahpra.gov.au
on **1300 419 495**

Australian Nursing Federation www.anf.org.au

Australian Practice Nurse Association www.apna.asn.au or phone freecall 1300 303 184

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au

General Practice Victoria www.gpv.org.au

Immunisation www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation

Australian General Practice Network www.agpn.org.au

Practice nurse information www.practicenursing.info



Wednesday 27 October 2011

5:30pm – 9:00pm

Hemisphere Conference Centre

488 South Road, Moorabbin, Victoria 3189
Registration and refreshments



Keynote Speaker Dr Michael
Carr - Gregg Psychologist and
Author

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's highest profile psychologists, authors and leading speakers.

He has a high media profile, working on national TV on Channel 7's Sunrise and the Morning Show as well as Fairfax Radio 3AW.

RSVP by 24 October to: info@smics.org.au or phone 9928 8541

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Southern Health

The program will also include presentations of key SMICS projects across southern Melbourne member health services