

What's New in the Nurse's Network



Healthy Kids Check Workshop

On 23rd of September over 20 nurses attended an education workshop at Peninsula GP Network, facilitated by Lynda French.

Guest speaker was Marie Ryan who is a practice nurse in the bayside area.

The nurses spent a lunchtime updating their knowledge of the MBS requirements of the healthy kids check, and discussing the management of the assessment.

Participants were able to network with peers, share experiences and discuss implementation of the assessment in their practices.

Evaluation of the session identified the nurses were **100%** more informed re the MBS requirements for the check. **95%** of the attendees felt they were now able to discuss the management of the check more accurately and **83%** felt they would be able to identify the enablers and barriers to implementation of the check into their practice.

Resources: <http://www.health.gov.au/mbsprimarycareitems>

Templates: [http://www.nevdgp.org.au/index.php?content=14#Health Assess.](http://www.nevdgp.org.au/index.php?content=14#Health%20Assess.)



Primary Care Nursing Groups

PGPN aims to promote, support and encourage an active practice nurse network. We aim to facilitate the development of nurse groups for the purpose of peer support, mentoring, networking and chronic disease management education. We are encouraging 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 on 9708 8019.

Coordinated Veterans' Care

The Coordinated Veterans' Care (CVC) Program is a new way for primary health care providers to assist Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Gold Card holders who have chronic conditions and complex health needs, to better manage their health and to help them avoid an unnecessary admission to hospital. Led by a GP, with a nurse coordinator, the CVC Program provides ongoing, planned and coordinated primary and community care. The Coordinated Veterans' Care program has released its [first training module](#) for GPs, nurses and AHWs.

Module one has five sections including:

- Introducing the Chronic Care Model
- The Health System
- Improving Quality of Chronic Condition Care
- Chronic Condition Self Management Support
- Community Sector Support.

The training program is accredited. If you have difficulty accessing the online training, a DVD or hardcopy can be accessed. Contact cstapleton@agpn.com.au for more information or go to the website www.cvcprogram.net.au

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. Registration for the PNIP is now available.

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

Phone: 1800 222 032

Website: www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/pnip

Email: pnip@medicareaustralia.gov.au

Mail: Practice Nurse Incentive Program, GPO Box 2572, ADELAIDE SA 5001

Fax: 1300 587 696

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Scholarships

The RCNA advised that nursing scholarships are now available for the aged care sector and include Undergraduate, Post graduate, Nurse Practitioner and Continuing Professional Development. Application forms can be obtained from the [RCNA](#).

Triage in Primary Health Care: e-learning

[Telephone Triage in Primary Health Care](#): The risks and how to manage them – Online Seminar
CPD: Approximately 1 hour
[Click here to download and watch the presentation now.](#)

The Lung Health Promotion Centre The courses conducted are targeting various aspects of asthma and respiratory illness management. Information about these can also be found on the website www.lunghealth.org

NDSS Services Directory The National Diabetes Services Scheme has launched its online [Services Directory](#). This directory which is free to patients and health professionals will assist people with diabetes to access contact details for health professionals who can support their diabetes management.

Ausmed Education Pty Ltd. 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.

www.Ausmed.com.au

Resources: 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>

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

Nurse immuniser information: Nurse Immunisers are employed with general practice, local councils, hospitals, community health, occupational health services and the defense forces. Many nurses, registered and enrolled, administer vaccinations as part of routine clinical practice however a Registered Nurse can become an Accredited Nurse Immuniser by completing a course of study. Accredited Nurse Immunisers are authorised to administer immunisations and can manage adverse reactions if they occur in contexts where there may not be a medical practitioner.

Approval as a nurse immuniser: Nurse Immunisers are approved under regulation 5(3) Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2006. This amended nurse immuniser 'Approval' is an interim arrangement for the period 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2011 and replaces the Approval signed by the Delegate of the Secretary, Department of Health, dated 20 December 2010

Becoming a nurse immuniser: A nurse immuniser course for registered nurses is available at La Trobe University. The course covers, epidemiology of vaccine preventable disease, the role of immunisation in public health, the immunisation schedule, guidelines and policy relevant to the field. [Latrobe University Nurse Immuniser Program](#)

Catchup immunisation quiz:

Lachlan's immunisation record shows he is overdue. He is 16 months old and an otherwise well toddler. To date he has had the following vaccines:

2 months: Rota Teq®; Prevenar® and Infanrix hexa®

4 months: Rota Teq®; Prevenar® and Infanrix hexa®

6 months: Rota Teq®; Prevenar® and Infanrix hexa®

Lachlan's date of birth is 6 May 2010.

What vaccines will you recommend to Lachlan's mother to bring him up to date?

Answers at end of Immunisation section

Immunisation Resources

1. National Immunisation Program (NIP) schedule

The 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

Answers to quiz: Now: Hiberix®; NeisVacC®; Priorix®; Prevenar13

2 months later if no history of varicella infection: Varilrix

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Helpful Links for Practice Nurses

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<http://>

Wound Management

www.awma.com.au/

Royal Children Hospital Clinical Guidelines

www.rch.org.au/clinicalguide/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.titles

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