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## **DELAYED! GENERAL PRACTICE RURAL INCENTIVE PAYMENTS (GPRIP)**

GPRIP payments have been delayed to medical practitioners whose anniversary falls as at the September quarter. The Department of Health and Ageing is conducting a systems audit of ASGC-RA codings and data, and it is expected the release of payments will begin over the next fortnight.

GPRIP incentives are available to medical practitioners who provide primary health care services in ASCG RA 2-5 locations. Automated payments are calculated according to clinical workload, RA-locations and time served. After the initial 12 months, one annual payment is made approximately one month after an anniversary quarter. More information about GPRIP:

<http://www.nswrdn.com.au/site/index.cfm?display=57833>



## **IF ANNOUNCES THE ECOLLABORATIVE WAVE**

IF is pleased to announce a new Collaborative wave focused on improving chronic disease care and self-management using technology. The Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR) will be launched next year and the 'eCollaborative – 21st Century Patient Care and Self Management' wave will support general practices and health services to improve outcomes for patients with chronic disease, improve patient self management and be ready for the PCEHR when it becomes operational. **Only Practices who have participated in a previous Collaborative wave can enroll. Please contact Judith Murray (email: [jmurray@mpdgp.com.au](mailto:jmurray@mpdgp.com.au)) if your Practice would like more information – registrations close this Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.**

For more information about the eCollaborative visit the IF website:  
<http://www.improve.org.au/our-work/e-collaborative/>

## **WORLD COPD (CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE) DAY**

World COPD Day will be promoted during Lung Health Awareness Month, in November. The Lung Foundation offers support and event resources to alert people to the prevalence, symptoms and treatment for COPD. The focus on this year's Lung Awareness Month is lung function screening. Brochures, posters and balloons are available for GPs who would like to set up a display in their practice. Please contact the Lung Foundation on 1800 654 301 for more information.

Through the COPD and Chronic Disease Prevention and Self Management Wave of the APCC Program, the 83 participating general practices and health services have recorded significant improvements in COPD health, including an overall improvement of 23% in recorded spirometry tests.

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## THE NEW ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (RCH) OPENS ON 30 NOVEMBER 2011.

The new RCH is next door to the current hospital in Parkville.

1. Patient Move Day is Wednesday 30 November
  - o Inpatients will be moved in one day, mid-week in daylight hours.
  - o From 8am on 30 November children should present at the new RCH Emergency Department.
2. Referral processes will stay the same
  - o Referral form and details all available on the GP website ([www.rch.org.au/kidsconnect](http://www.rch.org.au/kidsconnect)).
3. Hospital contact details will stay the same (phone, fax, address)
4. More information see: [www.rch.org.au/rchonthemove](http://www.rch.org.au/rchonthemove)

## HELPING PATIENTS GETTING BACK TO WORK AFTER INJURY AND ILLNESS - HAVE YOUR SAY

As a general practitioner you play a central role when it comes to ill or injured people getting back to work after they've had time off.

The Health Services Group (HSG) – a collaboration of the TAC and WorkSafe Victoria – know this, and that's why they've been in partnership with General Practice Victoria (GPV) since 2010 to explore and implement ways to support the GP's role in returning injured Victorians to the workplace.

Right now GPV and HSG are seeking to better understand doctors' knowledge about and experiences with injured workers and TAC clients returning to work. Part of this includes a survey that will be conducted by independent research company Sweeney Research.

The results of the survey will help to inform the work GPV and the Divisions of General Practice/Medicare Locals are doing with HSG, including the development and implementation of a 12 month GP Professional Development Pilot Program.

In the coming weeks you may receive a phone call from a Sweeney Research representative asking you to participate in the survey. If you agree to participate, you will be sent a link to an online survey. The survey will take about 20 minutes for which you will receive a \$120 cheque on completion. Medical Practitioner contact details will be sourced from the Human Services Directory.

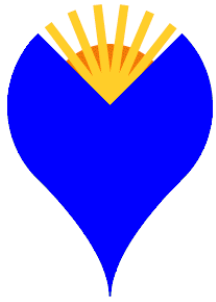
If you have any queries please contact Dan Miles at GPV on 9341 5252 (Tues-Thurs) or [d.miles@gpv.org.au](mailto:d.miles@gpv.org.au)

*HSG was established in **October 2007** to simplify processes and implement initiatives that support healthcare providers to achieve optimal rehabilitation and return to work outcomes for injured Victorians. HSG believe that working together with health care organisations provides a solid foundation for the development of necessary health and disability services to ensure injured Victorians receive the best health care treatment available to maximise their recovery.*

### DID YOU KNOW???



- Around 1 in 5 Australians aged 16–85 years has a mental disorder at some time in a 12-month period, including 1 in 4 of those aged 16–24 years.



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# Invitation to GPs, Practice Nurses, Practice Managers, Allied Health

## Introduction to



Wednesday, 7th December, 2011  
6:30pm

The Quality Inn, Port of Echuca  
Conference Room, 465 High Street, Echuca.  
(Light refreshments served)

cdmNet;

- Saves time by doubling productivity and eliminating paperwork
- Assists GPs in providing quality care for their patients through better sharing of information.
- Care plans meet all the Medicare audit requirements
- Provides the GP with the ability to create evidence based GP Management Plans and Team Care Arrangements quickly
- Co-ordinates the GPMP/ TCA with the GMPM/TCA Reviews, Annual Cycle of Care and Home Medicine Reviews.

**Registrations must be received by November 30<sup>th</sup> 2011**

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