



## **Bowel Cancer Screening Program – Education Event** **Wednesday, 22nd February, 2012 @ 7pm in Echuca** **(flyer attached)**

We are pleased to be able to welcome **Professor Finlay Macrae** MBBS, MD, FRACP, FRCP, AGAF as keynote speaker. Professor Macrae is:

- a Principal Fellow with title Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Melbourne
- Royal Melbourne Hospital (2000- ) Head, Colorectal Medicine and Genetics
- Royal Melbourne Hospital (1977- ) Sessional Principal Specialist Gastroenterologist, Dept of Gastroenterology,
- Honours: Distinguished Service Medal, Gastroenterological Society of Australia. 1999.

Professor Macrae has had a career in translational and clinical research focusing on diseases of the large bowel especially with regard to screening and familial risk of colorectal cancer.

For more information please contact Fiona McEniry on telephone 03 54811 300 or email [fmceniry@mpdgp.com.au](mailto:fmceniry@mpdgp.com.au)

Registrations to Daria Atkinson, fax 03 54800 702 or email, [datkinson@mpdgp.com.au](mailto:datkinson@mpdgp.com.au).  
Registrations must be received by Monday 13 February 2012.

### **SUBSIDISED NICOTINE PATCHES FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PATIENTS**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) patients can now access subsidised nicotine patches under the PBS, paying either the current concessional rate (\$5.60) or receiving the patches for free. ATSI patients need to register at either a general practice participating in the Indigenous Health Incentive (IHI) program under the Practice Incentive Program (PIP) or an Indigenous Health Service to be granted the benefits of the this program. The doctor can then prescribe an annotated prescription indicating that it can be dispensed with co-payment relief. Non-concession card holder ATSI patients presenting an annotated prescription should then be charged the current concessional rate (\$5.60), and concession card holders should be supplied the script for free. Non-registered patients will pay the full PBS cost of around \$32.00

Go to: [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pbs/prescriber/closing-the-gap.jsp](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pbs/prescriber/closing-the-gap.jsp)

### **FAMILY PLANNING VICTORIA**

Free resources to promote sexual and reproductive health in rural and regional Victoria. Order forms received until the start of February. People can download the form here: <http://www.fpv.org.au/assets/SHADEFormsPublications2012.pdf>

### **ALZHEIMER'S GATEWAY SERVICE**

Receives referrals into Alzheimer's Aust programs. There will a central referral point. Clients will be contacted and questions and concerns can be dealt with promptly Referral forms can be down loaded from [www.fightdementia.org.au](http://www.fightdementia.org.au) telephone - 1800 100 500 fax - 98157801



## WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT MEDICINES THAT ARE NEWLY PBS-LISTED?

NPS Better Choices Better Health offers RADAR, a free publication that outlines the evidence behind the listing of new medicines. This latest edition discusses the new antipsychotic asenapine (Saphris) for schizophrenia or bipolar 1 disorder, Targin for chronic severe pain, indacaterol (Onbrez) for COPD, and tigrilor (Brilinta) for acute coronary syndrome.

RADAR discusses the evidence for each medicine, its safety profile, and compares it currently available treatments. View it online, or download an electronic copy from

[http://www.nps.org.au/health\\_professionals/publications/nps\\_radar](http://www.nps.org.au/health_professionals/publications/nps_radar)

## VICTORIAN STATEWIDE REFERRAL FORM (VSRF)

The Victorian Statewide Referral Form (VSRF) is a straightforward, easy to use, electronic template for GP referrals. It was developed to support the coordination of services between GPs and community-based services funded by the Department of Human Services. The VSRF is the standard form for GP referrals to primary care services funded by the Department of Human Services (DHS), including Community Health, Home & Community Care, Aged Care Assessment and so on. The VSRF can also be used to refer in to hospital outpatient services.

The VSRF can be found in:

**Medical Director** – Letter Writer > New > Supplied > VIC – Statewide Referral

**Best Practice** – New Letter > Templates > Use Template > Tick 'Include All States' > Victorian Statewide Referral Form

NOTE – If you would like to reposition any of these templates to the top of your template list, highlight them, and re name them placing an asterisk in front of the template name, eg. \*VSRF. This will place your most used templates at the top of the list which will save GPs scrolling down. For further assistance email [jmurray@mpdgp.com.au](mailto:jmurray@mpdgp.com.au)

## FAST TRAUMA WORKSHOP AT INGLEWOOD

Bendigo Health will be running a Fundamental, Assessment, Stabilisation and Transfer (FAST) Trauma Education Workshop in *Inglewood* on *Friday 24th February*. The emphasis will be on a team approach with participants coming from *all clinical backgrounds*. The facilitators (doctors, RNs and paramedics) are experienced emergency clinicians with an understanding of the problems facing rural hospitals.

F.A.S.T Trauma Education Workshop has been has been accredited for:

Royal College of Nursing Australia - 7 CNE points

RACGP – Active Learning Module – 40 Category 1 points

ACRRM – 30 PRPD points, 30 PRPD Anaesthetic points,

RACGP & ACRRM – 1 day Anaesthetics or Emergency Medicine Procedural Grant

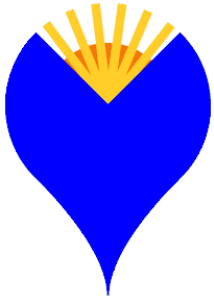
The cost to participants is \$385.00, including GST

Enquiry details to Sally McCarthy, CHERC, Bendigo Health, telephone 03 5454 6412, email [samccarthy@bendigohealth.org.au](mailto:samccarthy@bendigohealth.org.au) A copy of the flyer and registration form can be obtained from Terri Wilson at MPDGP, telephone 03 54811 300 or email [twilson@mpdgp.com.au](mailto:twilson@mpdgp.com.au)



### DID YOU KNOW???

- Bowel cancer is the second most prevalent form of cancer.



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MPDGP staff will be taking photos at this event. Please let staff know prior to the date if you do not wish your photo to be taken or published.

# Bowel Cancer Screening Program

## Education Event

Wednesday, 22nd February, 2012 @ 7pm

The aim of the Victorian Government sponsored program is to increase GP awareness and achieve a sustained increase in the level of Faecal Occult Blood Testing to GP practice clients from age 50 onwards in accordance with NHMRC and RACGP guidelines.

Attendees will be presented with information which explains the current clinical processes for dealing with Bowel Cancer in the General Practice environment and the management of patients through the screening program. They will also learn about the program initiatives which include the use of software tools to monitor the current level of screening in the General Practice environment and decision support aids that will assist with identifying candidate patients.

**Venue:** Quality Inn Port of Echuca, 465 High Street, Echuca

**Speakers:** Professor Finlay Macrae MBBS, MD,FRACP, FRCP, AGAF  
Professor Macrae is a Principal Fellow with title Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Melbourne. Royal Melbourne Hospital - Head, Colorectal Medicine and Genetics & Sessional Principal Specialist Gastroenterologist, Dept of Gastroenterology

Mr Martin Forrest, Bowel Cancer Screening Program Consultant, GPV

**Agenda:** 7:00 pm Registration and refreshments  
7:30 pm Bowel cancer workshop for general practice  
9:15 pm Evaluation and close

**Registrations must be received by Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2012**

Please complete and return to:

Daria Atkinson, Fax: 0354 800 702 or Email: [datkinson@mpdgp.com.au](mailto:datkinson@mpdgp.com.au)

Practice:	
Name	I will be attending:
	Yes/No
	Yes/No
	Yes/No
	Yes/No
	Yes/No

*(Please advise of any dietary requirements)*

RACGP Activity # 759039 4 Category 2 points have been awarded