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HEALTH PROFESSIONAL VIDEOCONFERENCE PROGRAM 2011 - WORKING WITH THE NEW NATIONAL POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME (PCOS) GUIDELINE: A CLINICAL UPDATE FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

Presenters: Prof Helena Teede, Endocrinologist and Prof Robert J Norman, Gynaecologist & Pathologist. Topics include: An overview of the national guideline on assessment and management of PCOS; Recognising the early signs and symptoms of PCOS; Long term health risks associated with PCOS; Managing patients with PCOS; Fertility and PCOS. Date: Tuesday 18 October 2011 Time: 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm AEST. Register by phone on 03 9927 7777 or email events@qthevents.com or online at

<http://www.managingpcos.org.au/component/content/article/1/133-2011-living-with-pcos-conference>

(Echuca Regional Health is registered for the PCOS videoconference.) Please refer to the attached flyer for more information.

GENERAL PRACTICE DATA GOVERNANCE COUNCIL LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The General Practice Data Governance Council was formed in 2009 to provide advice and guidance to the profession on appropriate use of data outside of the general practice setting that is 'secondary use'. Through this support, the group aims to improve patient and population health outcomes, enhance the quality and efficiency of healthcare delivery, support research and education, and strengthen the viability of general practice.

The Council comprises the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), the Australian Medical Association (AMA), the Australian General Practice Network (AGPN), the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM), the Rural Doctors Association of Australia (RDAA), the Australian Association of Practice Managers (AAPM), the Australian Practice Nurses Association (APNA), and an independent consumer representative.

The new website provides resources and guidance to general practice when considering the use of data beyond its primary use. The website includes the General Practice Data Governance Council's data governance strategy and framework, including information on the secondary use of data and the group's vision, goals, purpose and responsibilities. The data governance strategy and framework PDF document is available for download from the new website. In addition, the website features principle papers on the four identified principles of data use, privacy, security and quality. Website www.gpdgc.org.au

NEW HEALTH PROMOTION RESOURCE TO HELP CLOSE THE GAP

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities can now access a comprehensive health promotion pack to combat the risk factors for chronic disease and help close the gap in life expectancy.

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr11-ws-ws046.htm>

The new federal Department of Human Services

On 1 July 2011, Medicare Australia was integrated into the federal Department of Human Services (DHS). The Medicare program within DHS will continue to look after programs like Medicare, Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, Australian Childhood Immunisation Register and Australian Organ Donor Register, as well as a range of incentives and allowances for health professionals.

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NEW 'FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS' - NSW PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES WEBSITE

A new 'Frequently Asked Questions' section has been included on the NSW Department of Health Pharmaceutical Services website which provides answers to questions commonly asked about requirements to comply with NSW legislation for the prescribing and supply of medicines, and most particularly drugs of addiction (Schedule 8 drugs). For example, the website includes answers to the following questions:

- How long is a pharmacist or medical practitioner required to keep records concerning the emergency supply of Schedule 4 (S4) and Schedule 8 (S8) medicines?
- Can a medical practitioner write a prescription in his or her own name to obtain supplies of scheduled medicines for surgery use from a community pharmacy?
- Can a pharmacist dispense a prescription for a Schedule 4 (S4) or Schedule 8 (S8) medicine written by a doctor (or dentist or nurse practitioner) who is practising in another State or Territory?
- Does a medical practitioner need an authority from NSW Department of Health to prescribe a Schedule 8 (S8) medicine?

It is planned to expand the 'Frequently Asked Questions' website in the near future to include more answers to questions that are commonly asked by medical practitioners and pharmacists.

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/pharmaceutical/pharmaceutical_services_faq.asp. To recommend questions for the website or to provide any feedback, please email pharmserv@doh.health.nsw.gov.au.

PALLIATIVE CARE

The National Health and Medical Research Council has developed ethical guidelines for health professionals and consumers of all ages with advanced chronic or terminal conditions who are making the transition to palliative care. Read more on the NHMRC website.

http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines/publications/rec31?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NHMRC+Research+Tracker+-+9+September+2011&utm_content=NHMRC+Research+Tracker+-+9+September+2011+CID_e11d6bbb0ee6e6e74b931a33dad47716&utm_source=Mailbuild&utm_term=Read+more+on+the+NHMRC+website

INTEREACH WELCOMES DR JOHN IRVINE, CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST

Intereach extends an invitation to all parents to hear from one of Australia's most renowned child psychologists, author and media identity on raising children. Venues: Deniliquin: Thursday 27 October 7pm – 9pm at the Deniliquin High School MPC (bookings 03 58905300 / libbyb@intereach.com.au) and Moama: Friday 28 October 7pm – 9pm at the Moama Bowling Club, Shaw Street (bookings 03 5890 5300 / ireded@intereach.com.au). Free entry and supper provided. RSVP by 20 October 2011. See attached flyer for more information.



DID YOU KNOW???

- Mental health is the only area of medicine where you can be forced to receive a treatment against your will.

Working with the new national Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) Guideline:

A clinical update for health professionals

Presenters

Prof Helena Teede, Endocrinologist

MBBS, FRACP, PhD

Director of Research, Jean Hailes for women's health,
Head of Diabetes Unit, Southern Health, Monash Site
Director, School of Public Health and Preventive
Medicine, NHMRC CDA Research Fellow

Prof Robert J Norman, Gynaecologist & Pathologist

(BSc (Hons), MBChB (Hons), MD, FRANZCOG,
FRCPA, FRCPath, FRCOG, CREI)

Director, The Robinson Institute, Professor Reproductive
and Periconceptual Medicine, Discipline of Obstetrics &
Gynaecology, School of Paediatrics and Reproductive
Health, University of Adelaide, South Australia

Topics include

- An overview of the national guideline on assessment and management of PCOS
- Recognising the early signs and symptoms of PCOS
- Long term health risks associated with PCOS
- Managing patients with PCOS
- Fertility and PCOS



This activity is accredited with 4 (category 2) points for the 2011-2013 triennium

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Date

Tuesday 18th October, 2011

Time

- 6.30pm to 8.30pm AEST
(connection time 6.15pm)

Cost

Individuals: FREE

Videoconference sites: the first 20 sites to register will be funded by Jean Hailes (\$250+GST) excluding call costs

NB. Sites must have registered attendees to be eligible for funding

Or attend in person at:

RACP Building
Level 2/417 St Kilda Road
Melbourne (cnr. St Kilda & Toorak Rds)

Register by phone on
03 9927 7777

or email

events@gthevents.com

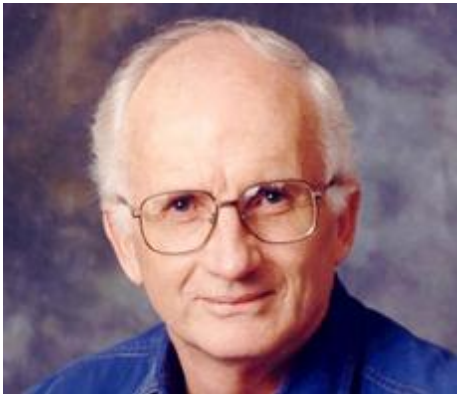
or online

www.gthevents.com

Intereach welcomes Dr John Irvine Child Psychologist

An opportunity not to be missed

Intereach extends an invitation to all parents to hear from one of Australia's most renowned child psychologists, author and media identity on raising young children.



Themes and issues:

- raising good kids in a busy world
- building resilient children
- dealing with challenging behaviour

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