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MPDGP NOVEMBER 2011 – CALCULATION RATES FOR CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION

National Ranking	6
State Ranking	3
0-4 mths	98.7%
4-12 mths	91.3 %
12-18 mths	84 %
18 -48 mths	96.2 %
48- 60 mths	90.9%



Enhancing care through excellence in education and research

The Centre for Palliative Care (CPC) at St Vincent's Melbourne, in partnership with Melbourne Consulting and Custom Programs at the University of Melbourne is pleased to again offer the Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care (Adult or

Paediatric) in 2012. These postgraduate award programs consist of two 12.5 credit point subjects and have been developed for health professionals (all disciplines) who are required to provide palliative care in the course of their work.

In addition, some components of the award courses will be offered as individual non-award programs. We recommend the non award programs to generalist health care professionals and/or those working in specialist palliative care who are interested in updating their skills in a particular area but do not want to enrol in an entire postgraduate course. Attendees at any of the non-award programs will be provided with certificates of attendance and record of Professional Development Hours.

For registration or further information regarding the Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care (adult and/or paediatric) and/or any of the non award programs please contact Sandie Luu by email: palliativecare@mccp.unimelb.edu.au or phone: 03 9810 3148 or view the website at: <http://www.mccp.unimelb.edu.au/courses/award-courses/specialist-certificate/palliative-care>

MURRAY-PLAINS DIVISION OF GENERAL PRACTICE 2010/11 ANNUAL REPORT – NOW AVAILABLE ON LINE!!

The 2010-11 Annual Report of the Murray-Plains Division of General Practice is now available electronically from our website for those interested in reading about the highlights of our year to 30 June 2011. Limited hard copies were printed for distribution to members this year but we are making the electronic version widely available through this link on our website:

http://www.mpdgp.com.au/publications/annual_report

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SUICIDE SUPPORT OVER CHRISTMAS

The Christmas and New Year period can be a particularly tough time of year for people at risk of suicide, and a time of year that their usual supports may not be contactable.

The counsellors of SuicideLine provide specialist telephone counselling and information to anyone affected by suicide, throughout Victoria. Anyone who is thinking about suicide, caring or worried about someone, or has lost someone to suicide, can call us on 1300 651 251 to speak to a professional and qualified counsellor. GPs can refer patients to SuicideLine simply by providing them with the phone number.

GPs may choose to suggest to patients that they include SuicideLine's number as a component of their safety plan for times when they are feeling at risk and their GP is unavailable. GPs can contact the service on the same number if a patient has particular challenges or needs and a GP wishes to discuss how the service may be able to help in managing their safety.

For more information, including a comprehensive suite of tip-sheets and self help resources please visit www.suicideline.org.au; rated by the British Journal of Psychiatry as one of the world's leading online hubs for suicide prevention information.

General practice can order brochures, posters, or referral cards by emailing enquiries@crisissupport.org.au or calling 03 8371 2800.

SUICIDELINE - 1300 651 251

Free, Professional, Anonymous Support 24 Hours A Day, Seven Days A Week.

SuicideLine is funded by the Victorian Department of Health and is proudly provided by Crisis Support Services.



DID YOU KNOW???

- At age 65, Australian males can now expect to live a further 19 years to almost 84 years of age, and females a further 22 years to almost 87.



Our office will be closed from 5pm Thursday, 22nd

December, 2011 and we will reopen at

9am Monday, 9th January, 2012.

'Merry Christmas'