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## **COURSE IN EAR IRRIGATION – Tuesday 18 October 2011 - Echuca**

The Benchmark Group with support from the Murray-Plains Division of General Practice are pleased to offer the Nationally Accredited Course in Ear Irrigation (10 CPD Hours). The course in ear irrigation is designed to develop the knowledge and skills required for health professionals to safely assess the need for and perform this procedure. The course will be held on Tuesday 18 October 2011, 8.45 am registration for 9.00 am till 4.00 pm at the Moama Bowling Club, 6 Shaw Street Moama (lunch provided). More information regarding the course and the course booking form are attached.

## **NPS CLINICAL AUDIT: SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF ANTIPSYCHOTIC THERAPY Improving clinical practice for better patient health**

Enrol by fax: 02 9283 2028, post: NPS Audits, P O Box 1147, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012, Online: [www.nps.org.au/clinical\\_audits](http://www.nps.org.au/clinical_audits) Your free clinical audit pack will be sent by mail. Only 10 patients required.

This clinical audit activity has been approved by the RACGP QI&CPD Program, total points 40 (Category 1) and by the ACRRM PD Program for 30 Core PRPD points in the 2011-2013 triennium. Points are only awarded to those who complete the review phase.

The audit is recognised by the Quality Prescribing Initiative of the Practice Incentives Program (May 2011 to April 2012).

Please refer to attached flyer for more information.

## **RUNNING THE RACE WORKSHOP Sunday 18 September, Royal Melbourne Zoo, Parkville**

*Running the race of general practice series*

The RACGP Victoria Faculty New Fellows' committee host an education seminar to help New Fellows prepare for and get a head start in general practice.

Presentations include tax structures, superannuation, information regarding the importance of maintaining a work/life balance and a guide to navigating Medicare, including an update on recent changes.

Delegates are encouraged to invite their families to the Royal Melbourne Zoo, Parkville, where they are also welcome to socialise at lunch and then later at afternoon tea. Between refreshments, families can take in all the attractions of the zoo while delegates participate in the seminar.

Pending approval by the RACGP QI&CPD Program in the 2011–2013 triennium for 8 category 2 points.

For more information, please call Victoria Faculty Events on 03 8699 0488 or email [vic.events@racgp.org.au](mailto:vic.events@racgp.org.au)

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## **MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING: EMPOWERING PEOPLE WITH CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE TO MAKE VITAL LIFESTYLE BEHAVIOUR CHANGES** Sunday 25 September, RACV City Club, Melbourne

*Jointly presented by the RACGP Victoria Faculty and the Heart Foundation (Victoria)*

One of the greatest frustrations for health professionals today is encouraging patients to make lifestyle changes to address risk factors such as smoking, alcohol, poor nutrition and physical inactivity. We all understand the importance of assisting patients to make positive changes that will reduce risk factors for chronic disease and improve health outcomes, but putting this into practice can be challenging.

Motivational interviewing is an evidence-based technique that can be implemented as part of your patient consultation to better understand how motivated patients are to change and the kind of interventions that will be useful. It is a directive, client-centred counselling style for eliciting behaviour change by helping patients explore and resolve ambivalence. This one-day workshop has been developed to support GPs and practice nurses gain a practical understanding of the principles and core skills needed to deliver motivational interviewing in clinical practice. This is a highly engaging program requiring active participation from all GP and practice nurse participants.

To promote a team approach, GPs are encouraged to attend with their practice nurses. A special registration rate for practice nurses is offered. We encourage attendance by practices who are implementing models of care that focus on lifestyle risk factor prevention and who feel ready to try a new approach.

This workshop is a component of an active learning module (ALM) approved by the RACGP QI&CPD Program in the 2011- 2013 triennium. Completion of all ALM components will entitle participants to 40 Category 1 points.

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### **DID YOU KNOW???**

**General practitioners (or their designated clinician) participating in a video consultation should ensure they have medical indemnity cover and seek advice from their medical defence organisation/medical indemnity insurer.**



*The Benchmark Group*  
*excellence in education*



**Tuesday 18th October 2011 - Echuca**



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offer the Nationally Accredited Course in Ear Irrigation**



## **Course in Ear Irrigation**

(\$325.00 per Participant)



The Course in Ear Irrigation is designed to develop the knowledge and skills required for health professionals to safely assess the need for and perform this procedure.

At the successful completion of this course the clinician should:

- Have a good knowledge and understanding of the anatomy and physiology of the ear
- Be able to perform an Ear Health Examination
- Assess if ear irrigation is required and can be performed safely and when to refer
- Give the patient a comprehensive explanation of procedures and examination findings
- Safely perform an ear irrigation procedure
- Provide post procedure instructions to the patient including possible adverse complications
- Out line any follow up required and make appropriate specialist referrals as needed
- Document the examination findings, procedure and outcome in the patient's history



Completing a course with The Benchmark Group guarantees:

- ✓ A Nationally Accredited Course
- ✓ A Nationally Recognised Qualification
- ✓ Expert Trainers

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## Course Booking Form

**Date:** Tuesday 18th October 2011  
**Time:** 8.45am registration for 9.00am till 4.00pm

**Venue:**  
Moama Bowling Club  
6 Shaw Street Moama 2731  
*Lunch will be provided on the day.*



First Name:

Last Name:

Name as it should appear on Certificate:

Date of Birth (required as proof of identity):

Clinic / Business Name:

Qualification:

Mailing Address:

Work

Home

Suburb:

State:

Post Code:

Phone:

Fax:

Mobile:

Dietary Requirements:

Email Address:

Signature:

I wish to receive the Benchmarque Group Electronic eNewsletter

Yes

No

### Payment Options:

Pay Now (to receive the 10% discount)

Pay by Invoice (payment required prior to training)

Payment Method  Direct Deposit

Cheque

Visa

Name on Card:

Card No.

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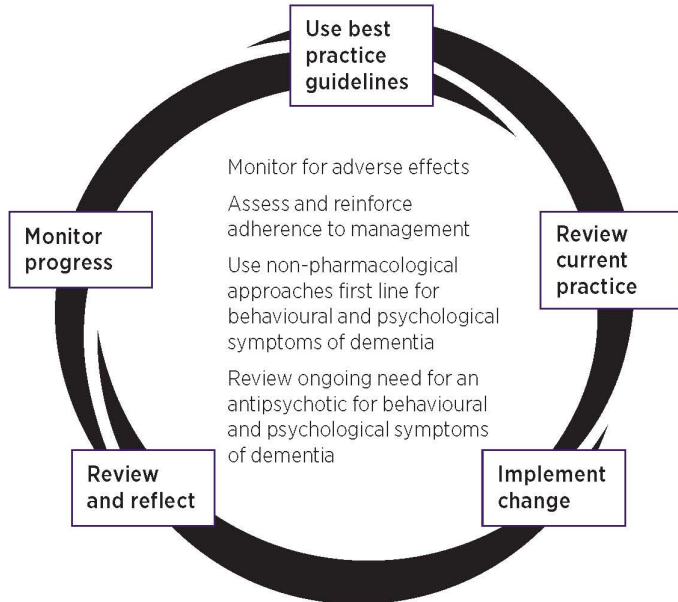
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Please send form & cheque to: The Benchmarque Group PO Box 398 South Yarra Victoria 3141

*It is a requirement that your Invoice be paid in **FULL** a minimum of 10 days prior to attending your workshop.  
If you are unable to attend or want to transfer your registration - please contact us on 1300 855 568*

To register - simply fax the completed form to 1300 855 572

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**Your free clinical audit pack will be sent by mail.**

Submit initial patient data by Friday 28 October 2011, for completion of the clinical audit by April 2012.

**Only 10 patients required**

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This audit is recognised for the Quality Prescribing Initiative of the Practice Incentives Program (May 2011 to April 2012).

**PARTICIPANT DETAILS**

GP       GP registrar       Other medical specialist

Please use BLOCK LETTERS

Title       Dr     Mr     Mrs     Miss     Ms

Family name

Given name

Postal address

Town or Suburb

State or Territory      Postcode

Email ..... used for reminders and further correspondence on NPS activities

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