

Tuesday 7 February 2012 - Issue 29-11/12

## Events

Bowel Cancer  
Echuca  
February 22

Safer Sex in the Sticks  
Bendigo  
February 23

New GP Welcome  
Dinner  
Moama  
February 28

Dementia Workshop  
Echuca  
March 3

Spirometry Update  
Echuca  
March 21

Brett McPherson –  
PNIP Update  
Echuca  
March 21

For more information or  
to register contact  
Daria Atkinson  
Ph: 03 5481 1300  
Fax: 03 5480 0702

### NATIONAL PRESCRIBING SERVICE – CLINICAL e-Audits

These are available on a continuing basis and must be completed by 30 April 2012 for recognition in the 2011-2012 QPI year. A minimum of one clinical audit is required per FWE GP.

To enroll visit [www.nps.org.au/clinical\\_audits](http://www.nps.org.au/clinical_audits) **or** call 02 8217 8700 select option 2.

Current Clinical e-Audits available are:

- CVD risk and lipid-modifying therapy
- Management of hypertension
- Review of proton pump inhibitor (PPI) prescribing
- Optimising management of type 2 diabetes

### FOBT RESULTS, ARRIVING ELECTRONICALLY?

GPs should be encouraging all patients over 50 to have a biennial FOBT.

To improve workflow in managing the results of the FOBTs, ensure that your FOBT pathology company has been asked to send results in HL7 format.

For more information on the MPDGP FOBT trail, or about incorporating FOBT tests into Medical Director pathology lists contact Brenda Fehring or Judith Murray at the Division.

### NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY- 22 MARCH 2012

#### Campaigning for Indigenous health equality – Power through partnership

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are still dying 10 to 17 years younger than other Australians. Government has recognised that the only way to close the gap in indigenous health equality within a generation is to work in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

National Close the Gap Day (NCTGD) is a way for all Australians to join together and remind our political leaders of their commitments to close the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a generation. Our focus for 2012 is on the need for genuine, meaningful partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health peoples at all stages of health planning and delivery.

So maybe your organisation can hold your own CTG day with a morning/afternoon tea, aboriginal arts and craft activities or story telling

activities etc. For more information go to the Oxfam website on: [www.oxfam.org.au/act/events/close-the-gap-day](http://www.oxfam.org.au/act/events/close-the-gap-day)

### COMBINED BREAST SCREEN AND PAP TEST

Available now at Breast Screen Bendigo

Free service to women aged over 40 years

Two vital health checks in one appointment

Have your 2 yearly mammogram and pap test by friendly experienced female staff

Great opportunity for working women with evening appointments available during the summer months

**To make an appointment to have your *Breast screen and Pap test* Phone 5441 6850**

**It's important. It's free.** For all Breast Screen appointments only: ph 13 20 50

Tuesday 7 February 2012 - Issue 29-11/12

## REINFORCE NEED TO ASK ABOUT ABORIGINALITY



GP NSW and ThinkGP have developed an on-line course to help general practices routinely ask patients whether they identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

GP NSW CEO Jan Newland said this question could be the first step in making a real difference to patients' health, as specific Item Numbers related to chronic disease in Indigenous communities provide opportunities for longer consultations, health assessments and care coordination. "The more comfortable an Indigenous person is when they present to a general practice, the more they will volunteer what could be vital information about their health" Jan said. "The process of asking should be simple and brief and form part of the history taking that is carried out for every patient." The course explains Aboriginal-specific Medicare item numbers and related initiatives. It also outlines barriers to care for Aboriginal clients and methods to overcome them. It takes up to two hours to complete and attracts RACGP, RCNA and ACRRM continuing education points.

<http://thinkgp.com.au/education/content/6846>

## FAXING REFERRALS TO THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Please fax ALL referrals to the RCH central Specialist Clinics (outpatients) fax number: 9345 5034. Individual departments have to redirect your referral to central Specialist Clinics, which may delay urgent referrals. There is also a risk we won't receive your referral if faxed to an individual department.

**RCH GP website:** [www.rch.org.au/kidsconnect](http://www.rch.org.au/kidsconnect)

## WORLD GLAUCOMA WEEK 2012 – 11 TO 17 MARCH 2012

Glaucoma is a worldwide epidemiological challenge affecting approximately four percent of the global population with an estimated 50 percent of glaucoma cases remaining undiagnosed. **World Glaucoma Week** seeks to raise awareness of this 'silent' eye condition. In Australia, glaucoma is a major cause of sight loss in adults over the age of 40. There are generally no warning signs and is therefore often referred to as the 'sneak thief of sight'. Australians are encouraged to undertake an eye check as early diagnosis and appropriate treatment are paramount in saving vision from glaucoma. For more information contact Geoff Pollard at Glaucoma Australia, Information Line 1800500880, email: [glaucoma@glaucoma.org.au](mailto:glaucoma@glaucoma.org.au) website: [www.glaucoma.org.au](http://www.glaucoma.org.au)

## TWO EXTRA FLU VACCINES APPROVED FOR KIDS

The TGA has approved Agrippal and Fluarix for children aged six months and above following new safety data from the vaccines' suppliers.

### DID YOU KNOW???



- *The Australian Bureau of Statistics Personal Safety Survey, a study of face to face interviews with over 17,300 Australians found that one in three women had experienced physical violence since the age of 15.*

# Invitation to Spirometry Training Update GPs, Practice Nurses, Asthma & Respiratory Educators

Presenter: Nory Del Colle

**Learning outcomes:**

- Update knowledge and awareness of the role of spirometry in primary care
- Refresh practical skills to recognise and perform high quality spirometry
- Review interpretation and clinical implications of spirometry results, including differential diagnosis
- Update knowledge and awareness of the importance of spirometer quality assurance and its implementation
- Review strategies to incorporate spirometry testing systematically into routine clinical practice
- Reinforce confidence in performing, understanding and implementing spirometry

*It is a prerequisite that participants have completed formal training in Spirometry (e.g. National Asthma Council's Spirometry Training Course)*

*Participants are invited to bring samples of spirometry results for discussion and their spirometers*

*Places are limited so register early!*

**Wednesday, 21st March, 2012**  
**Registrations from 6:00pm**  
**Prompt start at 6.30pm to 9.00pm**  
*(2½ hour workshop)*

**Conference Room,**  
**The Quality Inn, Port of Echuca**  
**465 High Street, Echuca.**  
*(cheese platter & sandwiches supplied)*

**Registrations must be received by March 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 have completed a formal (1 day) Spirometry Training Course at:

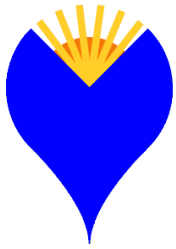
*Please advise of any dietary requirements.*

*Approved by the RACGP QI&CPD Program. Total points: 4 (Category 2). Activity Number: 752455*

*Accredited by ACRRM as an educational event for 2 core PDP points. Activity code: EEACR-11002-NASC.*

*This activity has been endorsed by the Australian Practice Nurse Association according to approved criteria. Completion of this program entitles eligible participants to claim 2 APNA CPD hours.*

*This workshop has been endorsed by Royal College of Nursing Australia, according to approved criteria. Attendance attracts 2 RCNA Continuing Nurse Education (CNE) points.*



**Murray-Plains  
Division  
of  
General Practice**



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.

**For more information contact:**

**Daria Atkinson**  
[datkinson@mpgp.com.au](mailto:datkinson@mpgp.com.au)

**Brenda Fehring**  
[bfehring@mpdgp.com.au](mailto:bfehring@mpdgp.com.au)  
 Mob 0457 833 364

**13 Percy St  
Echuca**

**Ph: 03 54811 300  
Fax: 03 54800 702**

# Invitation to GPs and Practice Managers

## Brett McPherson

National President of AAPM,  
Business Manager Gladstone Park Medical Clinic.

Brett is a member of the PNIP Review Panel; as such he is able to answer your questions on the program and will be keen to get your feedback on any issues around PNIP so that these can be taken into consideration as part of the program review.

### PNIP-Practice Nurse Incentive Program and Nurse Led Clinics

- The PNIP implications on practice and GPs income.
- Strategies to maximize the benefit of a practice nurse.

This presentation will give you an overview of the PNIP and Tips that may assist in increasing the value of your practice nurse.

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012**

**Registrations 6:00pm**

**Meeting 6.30pm- 9.00pm**

**Conference Room,  
The Quality Inn, Port of Echuca  
465 High Street, Echuca.  
(cheese platter & sandwiches)**

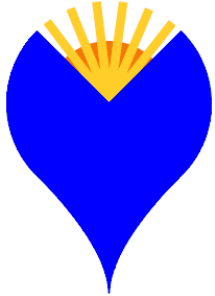
**Registrations must be received by March 14<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Please complete and return to:

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

Name	Practice

The Spirometry Training Update for practice nurses  
is being held in conjunction with this event.



**Murray-Plains  
Division  
of  
General Practice**

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.

**For more information  
contact:**

**Daria Atkinson**  
[datkinson@mpdgp.com.au](mailto:datkinson@mpdgp.com.au)

**Brenda Fehring**  
[bfehring@mpdgp.com.au](mailto:bfehring@mpdgp.com.au)  
Mob 0457 833 364

**Judith Murray**  
[jmurray@mpdgp.com.au](mailto:jmurray@mpdgp.com.au)  
Mob 0429191114

13 Percy St  
Echuca

Ph: 03 54811 300  
Fax: 03 54800 702