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PNIP Update
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March 21

For more information or
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PRACTICE NURSES CAN DEPUTISE FOR GPs ON TELEHEALTH CONSULTS

Some busy rural GPs are delaying their move into telehealth consultation unaware that the MBS allows for them to deputise their practice nurse to act as telehealth assistant with their patients during videoconference consults with specialists.

Medicare Item 10983 relates to a 'service by a practice nurse ... provided on behalf of, and under the supervision of, a medical practitioner that requires the provision of clinical support to a patient'. The telehealth incentives also apply when the practice nurse assists the patients. (Telehealth incentives for practices include a \$6,000 on-board incentive as well as bulk billing and services incentives.)



WE CAN PREVENT TYPE 2 DIABETES, SO LET'S DO IT!

The Life! *Taking Action on Diabetes* program is one of the largest type 2 diabetes prevention programs in the world and is free for most Victorians.

For further information on how to enrol in one of the new Life! courses starting in 2012 or to order a free type 2 diabetes prevention kit, call 13 RISK (13 7475) or visit www.diabetesrisk.org.au

Diabetes Australia- VIC's Life! program is currently running a print and radio advertising campaign encouraging people to call 13RISK. The campaign will be run across all the Leader newspapers and drive time radio stations and will be run during the following dates –

5–25 February 2012 8–28 April 2012

PLEASE SEE LINK BELOW FOR AN IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL:

TOP TIPS: [Specialist clinics](#)

- **New email address for specialist clinics**
 - clinics@rch.org.au
- **Central fax number**
 - Fax 9345 5034 for ALL referrals
- **Electronic letters** from the RCH
 - via Ozescribe sales@ozescribe.com.au or tel 1300 727 423
- **Telehealth trials**
 - See www.rch.org.au/telehealth or tel 9345 4645
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The Practical Paediatrics Program (GP up-skilling) is not taking place in the first half of 2012 due to the hospital move.

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AUSDRISK TOOL SURVEY FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

AUSDRISK is the Australian Type 2 Diabetes Risk Assessment Tool developed from the national Australian Diabetes Obesity and Lifestyle (AusDiab) study. It was developed by the Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute on behalf of the Australian, State and Territory Governments as part of the COAG initiative to reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes. The AUSDRISK is a tool used in the Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes Program funded by the Department of Health and Ageing managed by the Australian General Practice Network. General Practitioners (GPs) have utilised this tool to identify patients at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes to refer them to a subsidised lifestyle modification program.

This survey is implemented by AGPN on behalf of the Department of Health and Ageing. It will provide important information on how relevant you find the AUSDRISK tool. Your participation is very much appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Miller, AGPN Principal Network Adviser for Chronic Disease Management and Prevention, at kmiller@agpn.com.au or (02) 6228 0840.

This survey is currently open and takes approximately 5-10 minutes.

Survey closes on 11 March 2012.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VNV58DR>

AGPN gratefully acknowledges the funding support from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing for this Program.

MAKING VICTORIA FIRE READY

The Red Cross ‘Bushfires – preparing to leave early’ plan is available at cfa.vic.gov.au/redcrossplan. It can be filled out online, or printed out and completed. The plan is also available for free by calling the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

For people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment, call the National Relay Service on 1800 555 677.



DID YOU KNOW???

- Diabetes Australia Victoria released data showing that rates of diabetes have soared in the past 10 years. In 2001 there was 1 LGA hotspot (Bass Coast). In 2011 there were 64 hotspots. (A hotspot is a LGA with a prevalence of diabetes greater than 4% of the population).

Bowel Cancer Screening Program



The Bowel Cancer Screening Program is funded by the Victorian Government Department of Health.

Education Event for GPs, Practice Managers and Nurses

The aim of the Victorian Government sponsored *Bowel Cancer Screening Program* is to increase General Practitioner awareness and achieve a sustained increase in the level of Faecal Occult Blood Testing to 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 this 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.

- Date:** Thursday 1st March, 2012
Time: 6:30pm (Registration/Tea)
7:00pm (Presentation)
Venue: Rural Health Academic School,
University of Melbourne
45 Graham Street Shepparton (opposite GV Health)
Speakers: Dr Graeme Jones,
General practitioner, bowel cancer survivor and program participant
Martin Forrest,
Bowel Cancer Screening Program Consultant, GPV
RSVP: by Monday 27th February, 2012

To register staff attendance, please complete & fax this form to
GVGP's on **5831 5398** or email gvqp@gvqp.com.au

Name/s _____

Practice _____

Contact number/email _____

Dietary requirements _____