



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

#### Wednesday 2

Registrar Dinner Meeting  
Royal Indians in Echuca,  
High St, Echuca 7:00pm

#### Thursday 10

NPS – Pain Diagnostics  
(GPs Only)  
Border Inn,  
Moama 7:00pm

#### Thursday 17

Workforce Development  
Advisory Group Meeting,  
MPDGP Board room,  
Echuca 7:00pm

#### Thursday 31

NPS - Cardiovascular  
Disease Risk  
Small Group Meeting,  
Crossing Cafe,  
Deniliquin 7:00pm

### APRIL

#### Saturday 2

LMP Active Learning  
Meeting,  
Border Inn,  
Moama  
9:00am – 4:00pm

*If you would like further  
details on any of these  
events, please do not  
hesitate to contact*

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## CHANGES TO THE EXTENDED MEDICARE SAFETY NET

A new fact sheet on changes to the Extended Medicare Safety Net has been issued. Detailed information regarding changes to the Extended Medicare Safety Net effective from 1 January 2011 is now available in the fact sheet: Changes to the Extended Medicare Safety Net. Visit the [Department of Health website](#) for further information.

## PBS WEBSITE UPDATE

The Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits was updated on 1 February 2011. Detailed information regarding additions and alterations of restrictions is now available in the fact sheet: New Listings and Changes 1 February 2011. Visit the [Department of Health and Ageing website](#) for further information.

## CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING - ACRRM module is now available!

Practices who have signed on (or would like to sign on) to Practice Incentive Program Indigenous Health Incentive (PIP IHI) which offers \$1,000 sign-on payment, \$250 per eligible patient each calendar year, and outcomes payments of \$100 or \$150 per patient a year can now complete ACRRM's new Cultural Awareness module online on RRMEO.

The 15-hour module is moderated by Associate Professor Marlene Drysdale of the Monash School of Rural Health's Indigenous Health Unit. It provides opportunities to understand medical practice from an indigenous perspective and to work towards improving your indigenous patients' confidence and wellbeing. To be eligible for the PIP IHI, the module must be completed by a GP in the practice and one other person working in the practice. Read more at the [ACRRM website](#), where you will also find a link to the online enrolment form. Fees for the module begin at \$100 for ACRRM member and \$170 per non-member. There are also packages for pairs and groups.

(The RACGP online module is expected to be available from 7 April and will be free of charge).

## MENARCHE TO MENOPAUSE ALM – opportunity to get Category 1 points

Menarche to Menopause: Health Advantages of Monitoring Fertility, an Active Learning Module qualifying for 40 Category 1 (women's health) points is to be presented at the Novotel Hotel, Glen Waverley on Saturday 26 March 2011 from 9:15am – 4:30pm by the Ovulation Method Research and Reference Centre for Australia Ltd. This is an ideal opportunity to update your knowledge on the signs and symptoms of fertility and infertility as well as to gain 40 Category 1 (Women's Health) points for this current triennium. For further information and registration telephone 1800 335 860.



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# 'Tuesday Facts'



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## **TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR OPIOID DEPENDENCE – OPIOID TREATMENT AND CLINICAL POLICY**

A one day workshop will be held at General Practice Victoria, 458 Swanston Street, Carlton on Sunday 3 April 2011, from 8:45am – 4:30pm.

Content includes

- Problematic pharmaceutical opioid use
- Drugs, dependence & harm minimisation
- Treatment approaches
- Clinical assessment of patients using opioids
- Methadone maintenance, buprenorphine and buprenorphine/naloxone maintenance
- Legal Issues – Permits, regulations, clinical standards and take-away policies

40 RACGP QI & CPD Points will apply; ACCRM points will be applied for. Registrations close Friday 25 March 2011. Contact Wendy Loomes at Murray-Plains Division on 03 5481 1300 or email [wloomes@mpdgp.com.au](mailto:wloomes@mpdgp.com.au) to obtain the registration form.