



Tuesday 8 March 2011 - Issue 34-10/11

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

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

CANCELLED
due to lack of
interest

Thursday 7

NPS - Cardiovascular
Disease Risk
Small Group Meeting,
Elmore 7:00pm

*If you would like further
details on any of these
events, please do not
hesitate to contact
Daria Atkinson on
5481 1300 or email
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ASSISTANCE FOR REGIONAL TRAVELLERS

A new pilot project to help regional and rural Victorian travellers get to their medical appointments in Melbourne safely and confidently will commence on 8 March 2011. This service is free and available to all those travelling to Melbourne by train for appointments. People wishing to use the service from this date can call 1300 700 399. Bookings are essential and 24 hours notice is required. The project is a joint initiative between Travellers Aid Australia and the Victorian Government's Transport Connections Program. For more information you can contact Fran Henry, MCP Co-ordinator on 03 9654 2600 or fran@travellersaid.org.au

TRAINING COURSE IN MINOR SURGERY

The Royal Australian College of Surgeons is holding a GP workshop in Minor Surgery for General Practitioners on 26th & 27th March 2011 in Melbourne. The course aims to enhance the surgical skills required for minor surgical procedures most likely to be carried out by GPs in rural or remote settings where specialists are not readily available. The cost is \$1200. Enquires to Dr David Lawrence, Manager, Skills & Education Centre, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons on 03 9276 7455 or david.lawrence@surgeons.org.

GP CAREERS EVENING

A careers evening on General Practice and the AGPT program will be held on Wednesday, 6th April 2011 at Hilton on the Park, Melbourne from 7pm to 9.30pm. The program includes presentations and discussion time with current GP Registrars. The four regional training providers of GP training in Victoria and the Rural Workforce Agency, Victoria will be available for discussion and questions. Representatives from RACGP, ACRRM, Avant Insurance and MDA National will also be attending. If you are interested in a career in general practice or undecided about your career path, this evening will assist in your decision making. Bookings are essential. Register online at www.rwav.com.au/vicnet. For enquiries only contact Pauline Ingham at paulinei@rwav.com.au.

OUT OF HOME CARE HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

Greater Southern area health service has a new program aimed at improving the health of children and young people placed in Out of Home Care (OOHC) also known as foster care. "Children and young people in OOHC often have high unrecognised and unmet complex health needs." The OOHC health assessment project aims to turn this around. The primary health assessments will be fully paid for and only take the time of a long consult. If you are interested and would like to know more you can contact Alison McDonald, Out of Home Care Co-ordinator – GSAHS on 02 6128 9991 or 0457 536 120 or at Alison.McDonald1@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au.