



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

Tuesday 10

VMPPF – Obstetrics
Kerang District Health,
Kerang 7:00pm

Thursday 19

NPS - *Cardiovascular
Disease Risk*
Small Group Meeting,
Border Inn,
Moama 7:00pm

Saturday 21

GP & Practice Staff
Education Day
Clinical (Spirometry) and
Admin Stream
Port of Echuca
Quality Inn
All day event

*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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REGIONAL IMMUNISATION NETWORK

This event which was to have been held on Tuesday 17th May has been cancelled due to a lack of registrations.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & AGEING - 2011-12 PRIMARY CARE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS ROUND 2 ANNOUNCED

The Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing invites applications for Primary Care Infrastructure Grant funding from individuals and organisations to enable existing premises to expand or to upgrade space for GPs, nurses and/or allied health professionals, strengthen team-based care services, extend hours, establish or extend clinical training facilities and provide integrated GP and primary health care.

Parties interested in applying for a Primary Care Infrastructure Grant must address the assessment criteria outlined in the Invitation to Apply documentation, available in the first instance by registering on the Department's Tenders and Grants web page at: www.health.gov.au/tenders

The Primary Care Infrastructure Grants initiative is being implemented under the GP Super Clinics Program and comprises \$64.5 million in 2010-11 and \$52.5 million in 2011-12. Details of the three funding streams available in 2011-12 are contained within the application package – applications close **10 June 2011**.

2011 RACGP FOUNDATION GRANTS APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) is committed to supporting new and emerging general practitioner researchers to conduct research into primary healthcare and general practice. To acknowledge the vital contribution of general practice to the health of the community, the RACGP is pleased to announce the opening of the 2011 research grants round.

This year, a total of 18 research grants and awards are available to general practitioners and general practice registrars who are members of the RACGP. A comprehensive listing of all research grants and awards and the application forms are available at www.racgp.org.au/racgpfoundation/grants. For more information, please email research@racgp.org.au or phone 03 8699 0497 or 03 8699 0496



DID YOU KNOW??

About 6% of patients avoid or delay seeing a GP because of the cost, according to a new report. Cost was also cited by one in ten patients as a reason for delaying or not getting their prescription medicine.

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TRAINING COURSE IN MINOR SURGERY

The Royal Australian College of Surgeons is holding a GP workshop in Minor Surgery for General Practitioners on 4th & 5th June 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.

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE PRACTICE STAFF NETWORK INTENSIVE

Saturday the 21st May 2011, 8.45 registration – 4.00pm at the Port of Echuca Quality Inn.

Free to MPDGP practice staff

Speakers

- Brett McPherson, National President of AAPM -*Building Income Strategies, update on proposed changes in Nurse PIP and Nurse MBS payments*
- Noel Stewart, North East Valley Division of General Practice-*Training for Medical Receptionists (release of patient information, patient accounts, confidentiality, resolving disputes, etc.)*
- Speaker TBC- *The Social Determinants & Identification of ATSI patients*
- Brendan Wickham GPV - *E-Health – the future for General Practice*

Chronic Disease Management using MBS items and PenCAT- MPDGP featuring *Asthma and Diabetes Cycles of Care*

For more information or to register for this event contact Daria Atkinson on 5481 1300.