



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

#### Tuesday 7

NPS - Cardiovascular  
Disease Risk  
Small Group Meeting,  
East Charlton Hotel,  
Charlton 7:00pm

#### Tuesday 14

LMP Facilitator's meeting  
MPDGP Board room,  
Echuca 10:00am

#### Wednesday 15

Practice Nurse Dinner  
Caledonian Hotel Motel,  
Echuca 7:00pm

#### Thursday 16

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

#### Friday 17

Perinatal Depression and  
Associated Disorders  
Crossing Cafe,  
Deniliquin 6:30pm

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

An exciting and innovative one day workshop that will show the way to Fundamentals, Assessment, Stabilisation and Transfer (FAST) trauma management on Sunday 12 June 2011 at Inglewood and District Health Service, 08:15am – 16:45pm. This is a joint initiative of the Department of Health and Bendigo Health Care Group. For a registration form contact Wendy Loomes at MPDGP on 03 5481 1300 or email [wloomes@mpdgp.com.au](mailto:wloomes@mpdgp.com.au), or for additional information contact Sally McCarthy at Bendigo Health on 03 5454 6412 or email [samccarthy@bendigohealth.org.au](mailto:samccarthy@bendigohealth.org.au).

## DIABETES AUSTRALIA – VIC OFFERS OzDAFNE

A five day diabetes education program designed for adults with type 1 diabetes who are **not** on an insulin pump. This comprehensive small group program covers topics such as carbohydrate estimation, insulin adjustment, physical activity and the management of illness and hypoglycaemia, as well as allowing participants to share their experiences of type 1. OzDAFNE has been shown to improve blood glucose control, lessen severe hypoglycaemia and improve quality of life. The next OzDAFNE course will commence on 11 July 2011. Participants have an individual appointment approximately 1-3 weeks prior to the course. Further information for health professionals and people with type 1 diabetes can be accessed at the website [www.dafne.org.au](http://www.dafne.org.au) or by calling 03 9667 1719.

## EPILEPSY IN GENERAL PRACTICE

Epilepsy Australia and Epilepsy New Zealand want to know about epilepsy in general practice. Take the one minute survey for GPs and go into the draw to win one of three 3M Littmann Electronic Stethoscopes Model 3200 ([www.littmann.com.au](http://www.littmann.com.au)). The survey will run until 22 July 2011. Click on the link, or type it into your browser to start the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/epilepsyaustraliaGP>.



### DID YOU KNOW???

Unfortunately, mentally ill people who are very unwell may get lost in the system or fall through the cracks. They can be involved with up to twenty different agencies, however, no single agency has been willing to take on the role of coordinating their overall care

## **A MESSAGE OF HIGH IMPORTANCE SENT BY DOHA VIA THE GP ROUNDTABLE**

The World Health Organisation has reports of cases of **E.Coli infection** from 12 countries including UK and US. General Practices in Australia will need to be alert to cases of gastro in patients returning from European holidays, in particular those who have visited Germany.

WHO reports that "All these cases except two are in people who reside in or had recently visited northern Germany during the incubation period for the infection (typically 3 to 4 days post-exposure) or, in one case, had contact with a visitor from northern Germany All these cases except two are in people who reside in or had recently visited northern Germany during the incubation period for the infection (typically 3 to 4 days post-exposure) or, in one case, had contact with a visitor from northern Germany"

### **DoHA advises: GP alert regarding E. coli O104 outbreak in Germany**

There is currently an outbreak of E. coli O104 in Germany and there is the potential for Australian travellers to be affected. It is recommended that GPs take a travel history and consider the diagnosis of Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC) and Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome (HUS) in patients who have travelled to Germany in the two weeks before onset of diarrhoea. In such patients, take a stool specimen and specifically request examination for STEC infection. GPs should contact their local public health authority for more information and to report cases of STEC or HUS.

For more information on the E. coli O104 outbreak in Germany, visit (<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-do/health-topics/emergencies/international-health-regulations/ehc-outbreak-in-germany>).

Australian updates will be posted on the RACGP home page as they become available.

Please see link to RACGP <http://www.racgp.org.au>. APNA will send through any further urgent updates.

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