



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

#### Wednesday 24

Mind the Gap – A sexual  
health and diversity  
workshop,  
Comfort Resort,  
Moama 7:00pm

### DECEMBER

#### Thursday 9

CRM/LAOS Reference  
Panel, Face-to-Face  
2 locations,  
Inglewood and MPDGP,  
Echuca, and by  
teleconference  
7:30pm

#### Tuesday 14

Loddon Mallee Integrated  
Cancer Service – Febrile  
Neutropenia,  
(in collaboration with  
Kerang District Health  
and MPDGP),  
Kerang District Health,  
Kerang  
6:15pm

*If you would like further  
details on any of these  
events, please do not  
hesitate to contact  
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## CLOSING THE GAP (CTG) - EARLY IMPLEMENTATION STATISTICS (as at October 2010)

Exciting news received from Traven Lea, Special Advisor, Closing the Gap, AGPN stating that more than 1,300 general practices and Indigenous Health Services have registered for the CTG Indigenous Health Initiative. So far there have been more than 26,000 patients benefiting with approximately 1,900 pharmacies participating.

The uptake is highest in NSW with 42% of CTG prescriptions dispensed, followed by QLD with 30% and VIC with 10%.

The Top 5 medicines dispensed were:

- Atorvastatin (cardiovascular),
- Metformin Hydrochloride (diabetes),
- Amoxicillin (antibiotic),
- Salbutamol Sulfate (asthma),
- Perindopril (cardiovascular).

## RCH REFERRAL FORM TEMPLATE FOR GP SOFTWARE

The Royal Children's Hospital has updated its referral template. Please read the simple instructions on [how to update](#) or [upload for the first time](#) and DO NOT open the [rtf TEMPLATE](#) before you have read these instructions. The template can be installed in a variety of GP software programmes (Medical Director, Best Practice, ZedMed and GPComplete). A big thanks to Noel Stewart at North East Valley Division of General Practice for updating this template. The **VSRF** ([Victorian Statewide Referral Form](#)) - is also accepted by the RCH and most hospitals in Victoria.

See:

- The NEVDGP [website](#) for many more hospital templates ([www.nevdgp.org.au/?content=14](http://www.nevdgp.org.au/?content=14))
- RCH GP website [www.rch.org.au/kidsconnect](http://www.rch.org.au/kidsconnect) >specialist clinics (or direct link: [referring template](#))

## THE DISCOMFORT ZONE: DEALING WITH DIFFICULT CONSULTATIONS

This simultaneous broadcast/webcast examines cues, effective communication skills, and strategies for dealing with issues such as drug seeking, somatisation and anger. The program will commence at 8pm AEDT on Tuesday 23 November 2010. It will be repeated at 12.30pm AEDT, Friday 26 November 2010. To view the program, please log in and register on the [RHEF website](#). (You may need to register to enter the site.)