



Fremantle
GP Network

FOR ALL PRACTICE STAFF

Weekly News

Friday 6th November 2009

Board Appointment

Fremantle GP Network are delighted to announce that Dr Hilary Fine was elected to the Board at the AGM held on Friday 30th October 2009.

FGPN would like to welcome Hilary back to the board and look forward to her involvement and input through a time of change as we deal with health reform and explore alternative income streams.

Home Medicines Review – Item 900 – Remember to claim!

As at 30 June 2009 the cumulative number of national Home Medicines Review pharmacy claims had reached 232,481, with GP claims reaching 211,599. This means that over 20,000 (approximately 10%) of all Item 900 HMR payments were not claimed by GPs.

Don't miss out on your payment! Remember to submit a claim for an Item 900 when you recall the patient to your practice to discuss the Accredited Pharmacist's HMR report and your subsequent development of a Medication Management Plan. Please also note that the Medicare payment for Item 900 increased to \$143.40 on 1 November 2009.

For any further assistance with Home Medicines Reviews please call Lorna Hurst on 9319 0555 or email lorna.hurst@fremantlegpnetwork.com.au.

Warfarin : Patient Information

Following the roll-out of the National Prescribing Service educational visiting program on Stroke Prevention, we have had several requests for patient information/resources on Warfarin. You can access patient resources as follows:

Living with Warfarin – A4 Patient Information Booklet

Ring Healthinfo to order: 1300 135 030 (select the 'Publications' option)

Quote: HP 8948 (limit of 20 copies)

Previously out of stock, however available now

Small Sigma Purple Warfarin Booklets

To order – send a fax to (03) 9839 2753, stipulating that you want to order the 'Sigma Warfarin patient booklets'.

Include quantity and name and address. Orders will be sent within 7 – 10 days.

Note: At present they are out of stock – ETA 4 weeks wait.

Phone number: (03) 9839 2800.

Dietary information for patients on warfarin - downloadable factsheet: www.sigmaco.com.au/informationabout.cfm.

PC4 - the Primary Care Collaborative Cancer Clinical Trials Group

The Group aims to foster collaboration between researchers, health care practitioners and consumers. Funded by Cancer Australia, the membership is free. Membership allows access to concept development workshops and expert advice on developing new studies in cancer in primary care. Studies that are formally adopted by PC4 also gain access to biostatistical and health economic expertise from the Cancer Australia Clinical Trials Development Unit. In the future we plan to offer members funding to attend relevant conferences or training, and specific research fellowships.

To join visit www.pc4tg.com.au or contact the National Manager (E: info@pc4tg.com.au or T: 08 9449 5164)

National Bowel Cancer Screening Program Resumes

The bowel cancer screening test has been extensively tested and revised, and is now ready to be used for patients turning 55, 60 and 65.

If you have any queries, please contact The Cancer Council WA, Tel: (08) 9212 4376. You can find an information sheet explaining what is required for patients participating in this program on www.cancerscreening.gov.au

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Young Minds GP Training Day

Come along to a FREE one day educational session based on the credentialed course by BeyondBlue. The course will focus on working with young people with mental health issues and it will be facilitated by a Fremantle headspace psychologist and a GP. It will provide you with the training required to access the Mental Health Item care plan, item number 2710.

As this is an active learning module, attendees will be required to do some pre-reading 2 weeks prior to the course and some post-course work.

Saturday 5th December, 2009

Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre corner of Leach Highway and Murdoch Drive, Winthrop

GPs will be able to access 40 Category 1 QA & CPD points.

We are also running the training early next year over two 3 hour sessions. You can also call and register your interest for this session.

For more information please contact reception on 9335 6333.

YES, I would like to attend

Silver Chain Home Hospital Information Evening

The state government-funded initiative "Silver Chain Home Hospital" is aimed at reducing pressure on Emergency Departments hospital beds, and general practice. Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Consultants can provide in-home assessment and care for suitable patients at the GPs' request, reducing patients presenting without appointments and calls for urgent home review and house calls.

Tuesday 24 November 2009

**FGPN Silas Street, East Fremantle
6.30-7.30 (light supper from 6.00pm)**

Presenter: Pru Jarrah, Silver Chain Home Hospital Nurse

For further information on this service please visit www.homehospital.org.au or contact the FGPN Practice Liaison Team on 9319 055 who will be happy to visit your practice and explain the service further.

YES, I would like to attend

Place name and practice here if you requested any of the above

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 9319 0555