



Fremantle  
GP Network

FOR ALL PRACTICE STAFF

# Weekly News

Friday 20th November 2009

## Faxback

### Young Minds GP Training Day

Come along to a FREE one day educational session that will focus on working with young people with mental health issues. It is based on the credentialed course by BeyondBlue. 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.

**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. To book, please contact reception on 9319 0555 today!

**YES, I would like to attend**

**Place name and practice here**

## FREE training modules

### WoundsWest Training

[www.health.wa.gov.au/WoundsWest/home](http://www.health.wa.gov.au/WoundsWest/home)

WoundsWest Education is an online evidence based interactive program designed by wound management experts. The program will help you provide better patient care by improving your ability to prevent and manage wounds. Current modules include foot ulcers, pressure ulcers with a burns module coming soon!

**Australian Practice Nurses Association (APNA)**  
[www.apna.asn.au](http://www.apna.asn.au)

- Immunisation
- Mental health (Part 1 and 2)
- Introduction to eyes
- National bowel screening
- Organ and Tissue donation

### Medicare

<http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/business/education/e-learning.jsp>

eLearning is the flexible learning option for busy health professionals. Programs include introductory to advanced MBS and PBS topics to help you get it right.

### ThinkGP

<http://www.thinkgp.com.au>

ThinkGP (previously known as Genesis Ed online education) is the leading provider of online education solutions to GPs and other health care providers. This innovative private company is owned and run by GPs who intimately know the demands facing all health practitioners. Topics include Immunology, mental health, sexual health, practice issues and much more.

## Home Medicines Reviews (Item 900) made simple

Are you thinking about referring patients for a Home Medicines Review, but you're unsure of the process? To assist you, Fremantle GP Network has produced a simplified three-step flowchart which clearly sets out the processes of a Home Medicines Review. To obtain copies of this laminated, one-page resources, please call Lorna Hurst on 9319 0555 or email

[lorna.hurst@fremantlegpnetwork.com.au](mailto:lorna.hurst@fremantlegpnetwork.com.au).

## AGPAL General Practice Awards 2010

Delivering safe, high quality health care within a general practice requires time, effort and a passion for excellence. AGPAL is offering the opportunity for your practice to be recognised and rewarded for their achievements in improving quality.

Nominations are now open for the:

- AGPAL Quality Innovation Award, and
- AGPAL Consumer Involvement Award

If your practice has introduced an innovative solution and/or has increased consumer involvement which has improved the delivery of safe, high quality care, AGPAL would like to hear from you. Full details of eligibility criteria, nomination and judging process can also be downloaded from AGPAL website [www.qip.com.au](http://www.qip.com.au). Nominations close 28 February 2010.

## Medicare Australia National Compliance Program 2009-2010 is now available

The National Compliance Program 2009-2010 focuses on Medicare Australia's key stakeholder groups. It highlights areas of concern with compliance, outlines responses to these concerns and how Medicare Australia will support each group to voluntarily comply.

For more information about the National Compliance Program 2009-2010 see <http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/business/audits/ncp.index.jsp>

## Does your practice require interpreters to deaf and hard of hearing patients who use sign language?

We have received resources (pamphlets, posters) from the National Auslan Interpreter Service (NABS) who provide a service for private medical and health care appointments. NABS services are free of charge to families with a sign language user, and medical and health care practitioners; the services are also available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients.

Please contact the PLP Team on 9319 0555 if you would like the resources delivered to you, or for further information visit [www.nabs.org.au](http://www.nabs.org.au)

## Referrals for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Dr Jon Laugharne, is developing a clinic for patients with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or related psychological problems at the Alma Street Centre (ASC). He is currently seeking referrals from GP's. If you have any patients who have PTSD or may have PTSD who have not been formally assessed or treated please consider a referral.

Following a comprehensive assessment the patient may be offered treatment within the Clinic or within ASC or a more appropriate service will be suggested. When referring use standard ASC referral form and attention PTSD CLINIC. Alternatively you can contact Jon, 0404890219 or Claire Brown (Mental Health Nurse) on 0404603741 Tuesday and Wednesday's.

FAXBACK TO 9339 8355

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 9319 0555



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## Surgical options in the Management of the Morbidly Obese Metabolic Syndrome patient

**PRESENTER:**

**Mr Gordon Padovan** FRACS FRCS (CANADA)

**Dr P. Gerry Fegan** MBChB, MRCP (UK), MD,  
FRACP Consultant Physician and Endocrinologist

**DATE:**

**Thursday 26th November 2009**

**TIME:**

**6.30pm Registration, 7.15pm Start**

**VENUE:**

**Bluewater Grill  
Heathcote Reserve  
Duncraig Rd, Applecross**

**DINNER:**

**Provided**

**RSVP:**

**By 23rd November 2009**

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