

Finding Evidence – Recognising Hype: new online learning program

A new online learning program to help health professionals improve their skills in critically assessing new medicines has been developed by the National Prescribing Service Ltd. Finding Evidence – Recognising Hype comprises six interactive learning modules focusing on the key skills needed to make evidence-based decisions about prescribing new medicines. One of the key benefits of this program is the flexibility for GPs to complete the modules in their own time.

The program aims to help prescribers to find and use independent, evidence-based information about new drugs, together with a range of resources to answer questions about new medicines, such as how were clinical trials carried out and the risks and benefits of this medicine for a particular patient. This includes an e-toolkit which enables participants to set up their own independent resources and alerts for future use.

The program encourages health professionals to reflect on their medicine information needs, formulate clinical questions about medicines and refine their critical appraisal skills. Participants can also reflect on how well promotional and commercial sources of information meet their needs and gain skills in communicating the risks and benefits of new medicines to patients.

The six hour program has been approved in the 2008-2010 triennium by the RACGP QA & CPD program (40 points Category 1).

To enrol in the Finding Evidence – Recognising Hype online learning program or for more information visit <http://www.nps.org.au/ferh> or contact Lorna Hurst on 9319 0555.

RACGP: Psychosocial care of female cancers

Active Learning Module - 40 Category 1 points in the RACGP QA&CPD Program

New (2 December 2009) online training suitable for general practitioners and practice nurses; the general practice psychosocial care of women diagnosed with malignant cancer is the focus of a new active learning module (ALM) from the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP).

The learning tool is now available on the RACGP's online education portal, gplearning, at www.gplearning.com.au.

Medicare Australia Safety Net Thresholds

The thresholds for both the original and extended Medicare safety nets increase from 1 January 2010.

The original safety net increases to:

\$388.80 (up from \$383.90)

The extended Medicare safety net increases to:

• \$562.90 (up from \$555.70) for the lower threshold; and

• \$1,126.00 (up from \$1,111.60) for the upper threshold

For more information on the Medicare Safety Nets visit the Medicare Australia website.

Fair Work Act – Networking Evening 9 December 2009

The new workplace laws come into effect on January 1 2010. As many practices still have questions and concerns regarding the new Fair Work Act, FGPN is facilitating a networking evening covering this topic. The aim of the evening is to allow practices to discuss questions and share solutions and ideas.

10 Silas Street East Fremantle
Wednesday 9 December, 5.00pm-6.30pm

To register please faxback or for further information please contact Janet McBride on 9319 0555 or email janet.mcbride@fremantlegpnetwork.com.au



YES, I would like to attend

Place name and practice here

Accredited COPD Education Initiatives For GPs & Nurses

The new GP and practice nurse education initiative, DETECT, is specifically designed to improve outcomes for the two million patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) in Australia¹. The DETECT program is free of charge and have been accredited by the RACGP, ACRRM, and RCNA It is one of the few paper based programs.

Credit awards – GPs only

- RACGP QA&CPD Program - 40 Category 1 points for full completion of DETECT or 30 Extended Skills points in the ACRRM PD Program.

Detect stand-alone education activity – GPs and Practice Nurses

As an alternative, GPs and Practice Nurses may elect to complete only the education component and be awarded 4 Category 2 CPD points (RACGP), 2 Core PDP points (ACRRM) or 2 CNE points (RCNA).

For more information or to register for the DETECT clinical audit and PROTECT active learning module CME programs please contact your GSK representative or Sam Barbagallo from Adrenalin Strategics on (03) 9412 0518 or sbarbagallo@adrenalinstrategics.com

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