



FGPN Counselling Service – appointments available!

A reminder to all GPs that the Fremantle GP Network Counselling Service is available for referrals for patients that meet the following criteria:

- aged 16 years and over;
- qualify for a GP Mental Health Care Plan;
- would benefit from short term intervention (up to 12 appointments); and
- are unable to afford private psychological services.

FGPN is also a service provider under the National Perinatal Depression Initiative, providing counselling services for women experiencing perinatal depression.

Week-day appointments are freely available and FGPN also offers a limited number of evening and weekend appointments. Contact Julie Skevington at FGPN if you require a referral kit.

Free education - RACGP points apply!

Reflect on your knowledge of women's health via the Jean Hailes Foundation education website

The Jean Hailes Foundation for Women's Health provides a unique response to the needs of women through excellence in research, community and professional education and clinical care.

A free, interactive Online Education website is available which provides access to a range of Active Learning Modules, webcasts and other educational activities. All activities have been approved by the RACGP QA&CPD in the 2008-2010 triennium. Activities may be undertaken at your own pace with the ability to save and return to the course as your time allows.

To view a list of Active Learning Modules, including Prescribing hormone therapy : Weighing up the evidence, go to: <http://education.jeanhailes.org.au/cpd/index.php> and click on the green box to access a list of educational opportunities. To access consumer information Fact Sheets go to : <http://www.jeanhailes.org.au/content/view/222/334/>

RN and EN Registration Reminder Notice

Just a quick reminder that all Registered and Enrolled nurses must pay their NMBWA registration by Thursday the 31st Dec.

The Nurses Board has indicated that there are a large number of nurses who have not returned their registration as yet. Practising while not registered can incur severe penalties.

You can pay on line at <http://www.nmbwa.org.au/>

WA Cervical Cancer Prevention Program: Nurse Pap Smear Provider Program

Administration of the Nurse Pap Smear Provider Program of the Department of Health has recently returned to the WA Cervical Cancer Prevention Program. Nurses interested in becoming credentialed, who are due for recredentialing or who would like to find out more about the process, please refer to the website link <http://www.ocno.health.wa.gov.au/papsmear/inded.cfm> or alternatively contact the WACCP on 13 15 16.

Practice Incentive Program (PIP) Cervical Screening Initiative

The Cervical Cancer Registry (CCR) is continuing to provide support via the PIP Data Request Form enabling the CCR to provide a GP with a list of women for whom they were the last known care provider and who have not had a Pap smear in the past four years. Should these women present for screening, the GP will be eligible to receive PIP payment for this service. Further information is available on the website www.health.wa.gov.au/cervical/ccr

Two new tender opportunities for General Practice

The Department of Health and Ageing has released two new tenders for clinical training and teaching one focusing on capital and the other on partnering with an educational facility. They are both open to general practice. To find out more:-

Innovative Clinical Teaching and Training Grants
<http://health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/grantITA+1950910>

Increased Clinical Training Capacity in 2010
<http://health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/grant2130910>

If you are considering tendering and would like assistance please feel free to contact Christa Riegler on 9319 0555.

GP Survey

The Southern Divisions Alliance GP Consultation Network - Models of Care Survey is available to be completed by GPs. The completion date is Tuesday 22nd December at 13:00pm. Surveys can be faxed back to FGPN on 9339 8355. Surveys received by Tuesday will go into a draw to win the following:

- 1st prize: \$200 Wine Liaison's hamper
- 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes: \$60 Wine Liaison's hamper
- 5th -10th place: Somerville double movie tickets
- Prizes will be delivered on the 23rd December to the winning respondents.

If you have not received a copy of this survey, please contact us at FGPN on 9319 0555.