



Weekly News

Friday 29th January 2010

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 Treatment Plan, item number 2710.

The training will enable you to ask the questions you've always wanted to ask as well as interact directly with a young person who is a former consumer of the youth mental health system. 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.

Date: Saturday 27th February, 2010. Time: 9-4.30pm.
Venue: 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 call 9335 6333 today!

Place Name and practice here

MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS NETWORK – COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOP

When: Wednesday 17 February 2010

Time: 6:15 – 9:30pm

Venue: Rosie O'Grady's,

Facilitator: Angela Ranallo

RSVP by Friday 12 February 2010

Workshop participants in private practice will receive \$150 (plus GST) for their attendance.

Further information, including registration instructions, is available on the FGPN web site,

www.fremantlegpnetwork.com.au under "Events" or contact Jessica Cyngler from MHPN on (03) 8662 6609 / email j.cyngler@mhpnetwork.org.au / www.mhpnetwork.org.au

FREE CPR TRAINING EARN CME AND CNE POINTS

Places are still available for CPR training on 10th, 17th and 24th February and 3rd March. This free opportunity may not arise again so reserve your place now by phoning FGPN on 93190555 or emailing reception@fremantlegpnetwork.com.au.

Sessions begin with registration at 5.30pm, and training from 6-9pm. All sessions will be held at Piney Lakes Environmental Centre, corner of Murdoch Drive and Leach Highway.

MEDICARE SOFTWARE TRAINING

Dates for the free small training groups will be available next week. Register your interest now by phoning 9319 0555 or emailing FGPN on reception@fremantlegpnetwork.com.au. The focus of the training will be on skills relating to Chronic Disease Management – registers, recalls, templates and data cleansing.

PIP AND THE QUALITY PRESCRIBING INITIATIVE

If you are regularly participating in National Prescribing Service (NPS) therapeutic topics at your practice, you may be well on your way to achieving the Quality Prescribing Initiative (QPI). One of the additional requirements of the QPI is GP participation in NPS approved clinical audits. With the end of the PIP year rapidly approaching (30 April 2010), please contact Lorna Hurst on 93190555 or email lorna.hurst@fremantlegpnetwork.com.au if you would like information on available paper-based and electronic clinical audits.

MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PLAN – ITEM 2710

It appears that some GPs that have done the requisite Mental Health Skills Training (MHST) are still experiencing difficulties claiming Item 2710. Advice from Western Australian GP Network (WAGPN) is that the latest Medicare posting of letters to GPs confirming registration occurred on January 27th and it is envisaged that there will still be some delays sending out the remainder and dealing with the backlog. It is still advised that GPs hold onto their claims until they have been informed of their eligibility via letter from Medicare, although this will delay patients being able to claim rebates with allied health providers. Alternatively, in the short term, GPs can claim Item 2702 although this be at the reduced rate.

For GPs that have only recently completed the requisite MHST, there may be a time lag between the provider providing the information to the GP Mental Health Standards Collaboration (GPMHSC) and then reporting this to Medicare. Once again, it is advisable to wait for a letter of confirmation from Medicare.

GP AFTER HOURS FREMANTLE

**Now open to midnight,
7 days per week**

GP After Hours Fremantle provides care for patients who require medical attention evenings, weekends and public holidays when their normal surgery is closed.

OPENING HOURS

Monday - Friday

7pm - 12 midnight

Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays

1pm - 12 midnight

** Times may be subject to doctor availability*

- *Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card holders & children under 16 years are bulk billed.*
- *Non-concession card holders - Medicare rebate plus \$20*

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