



Weekly News

Friday 12th March 2010

Change of Venue

Practice Nurse Immunisation Event

Due to the large number of attendees the venue for the immunisation event on 16 March 2010 has been changed. The event will no longer be held at 10 Silas Street, instead it will be at the Melville Recreation Centre.

Melville Recreation Centre, corner of Canning Highway and Stock Road, in the Arts and Craft Room

Tuesday 16 March 2010

5.30 registration, light supper

6.00pm-8.00pm presentation

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 under Access to Allied Psychological Services (ATAPS) 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.

Get the next PIP year off to a flying start!

National Prescribing Service (NPS) paper-based Clinical Audit : Use of benzodiazepines, zolpidem and zopiclone in insomnia

The NPS has recently released the first clinical audit of the next PIP year (1 May 2010 to 30 April 2011). Participation in this clinical audit will assist GPs to:

- identify factors that may be contributing to patients' sleep difficulties;
- recall different types of effective non-drug therapies for insomnia;
- clarify the duration of treatment with patients from the outset when benzodiazepines, zolpidem or zopiclone are prescribed for insomnia;
- develop a systems approach to reviewing patients using benzodiazepines, zolpidem or zopiclone long-term, considering indication, adverse effects and suitability for discontinuation; and
- discuss with patients the potential risks of benzodiazepine, zolpidem or zopiclone treatment, and the benefits of discontinuing therapy.

To enrol, go to:

http://www.nps.org.au/health_professionals/activities/about_clinical_audit_benzodiazepines or complete the attached enrolment form and fax to NPS :(02) 9283 2028

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Upcoming Events

ALLIED HEALTH FORUM 16 March 2010

Allied Health Providers working within the FGPN area [postcodes 6149-6164] are invited to a forum.

16th March 2010

6pm -8pm

Fremantle GP Network

Topics for discussion include:

- Experiences working with General Practitioners in chronic disease management, including Team Care Arrangement referrals and feedback mechanisms, and client self-referral;
- Review of a resource showing role of Allied Health Provider groups in chronic disease management
- The role of FGPN in chronic disease management and integration of services, and how we might be of assistance to Allied Health Providers.

If you would like further information, please contact Janet McBride on 9319 0555.

YES, I would like to attend

DIABETES CLINICAL UPDATE FOR GPs

40 CATEGORY 1 CPD POINTS APPLY

Tuesdays, 23rd and 30th March 2010 (Over 2 evenings)

6pm registration, 6.30pm – 9.30pm session

Red Herring Restaurant, East Fremantle

YES, I would like to attend

CHRONIC WOUND CARE MANAGEMENT IN GENERAL PRACTICE

2 RCNA POINTS APPLY

Wednesday, 24th March 2010

5.30 registration, 6-8pm session

Piney Lakes Environmental Centre, Winthrop

YES, I would like to attend

UPDATE ON CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE FOR PRACTICE NURSES

2 RCNA POINTS APPLY

Thursday, 25th March 2010

6.30pm registration, 7-9pm session

State Tennis Centre, Victoria Park Drive, Burswood

Content:

Risk factors for developing coronary Heart Disease, a case study, tips on managing Coronary Heart Disease in general practice plus local and national resources.

YES, I would like to attend

Please place practice stamp or name here for any of the above

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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Fremantle Hospital
South Terrace
Fremantle
(enter via South Terrace)
Ph: 9430 8912
(opening hours only)



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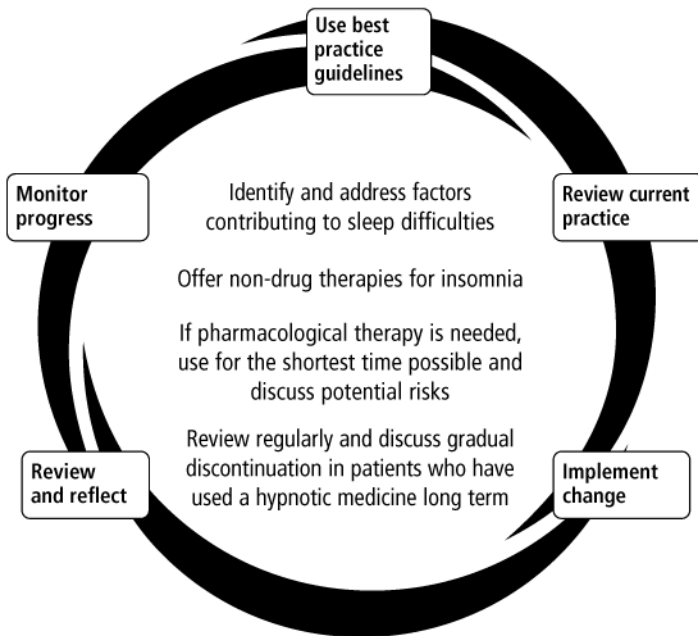
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Improving clinical practice for better patient health

Best practice in the use of benzodiazepines, zolpidem or zopiclone for insomnia



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Submit initial data collection by
Friday 30 April 2010, for completion
of the clinical audit by **November 2010**.

This clinical audit activity has been approved by the RACGP QA&CPD Program, total points: 40 (Category 1) and by the ACRRM PD Program for 30 points (extended skills) in the 2008–2010 triennium. Points are awarded only to participants who complete the review phase. This audit is recognised for the Quality Prescribing Initiative of the Practice Incentives Program (May 2010 to April 2011)

Participant details:

GP GP registrar Other medical specialist

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For the QPI payment, a practice must be registered in the PIP and complete the required number of NPS activities, based on practice size. This number may equal three activities or more per full-time equivalent (FTE) GP and one in three activities must be an NPS-approved clinical audit. For a brochure about the QPI, see http://www.nps.org.au/resources/content/hpro_qpip.pdf