



Fremantle  
GP Network

FOR ALL PRACTICE STAFF

# Weekly News

Friday 25th June 2010

## IMPORTANT: FGPN Counselling Service Fax Disruption

FGPN is currently experiencing technical issues with the COUNSELLING SERVICE FAX (9339 8455 or 9467 2410). This problem will be rectified shortly however, for all new referrals and for all referrals sent by you since 11 June, please RE-FAX to 9339 8355.

Please contact Isabella Underwood if you require any additional information.

## New Chronic Disease Management Resource

Allied Health Professionals Australia have developed resources for general practice and allied health professionals to assist in the care of patients with a chronic disease. As part of this, an exciting and must have manual is now available. The Chronic Disease Management Manual has been designed to assist the sharing of care between people who work in primary care – GPs, practice nurses and allied health professionals - the professions included in Medicare's chronic disease management (CDM) items. The resource package is available on the web site, [www.cdm.ahpa.com.au](http://www.cdm.ahpa.com.au) and includes a DVD, which you may download for use in your practice. If you need further information on claiming CDM items, call Fremantle GP Network on 9319 0555.

## Vacancy - GP Liaison Position - Kaleeya Hospital

*Do you have an interest in providing a perspective on general practice and patient care in relation to Kaleeya Hospital?*

*Would you like an opportunity to improve health services through planning, decision making and the allocation of resources?*

Fremantle GP Network requires a GP to work as the GP Liaison for Kaleeya Hospital. This position works one session a week for three hours and contributes to the development and implementation of collaborative initiatives involving the hospital, general practice, Divisions of General Practice and other health care agencies.

If you are interested in this position please contact Trish Horgan on 9319 0555 or [trish.horgan@fremantlegpnetwork.com.au](mailto:trish.horgan@fremantlegpnetwork.com.au)

## On-line learning : Your Opportunity To Earn 40 Category 1 RACGP QA&CPD points!

Be better equipped to make choices about new medicines, Finding Evidence – Recognising Hype is a new on-line learning program for general practitioners. It's designed to improve your skills and confidence in assessing new medicines.

Completing the on-line learning program will help you to:

- Rapidly find reliable information on new medicines
- Compare a new medicine with current treatments
- Confidently respond to patient enquires about new medicines
- Interpret clinical trial results and explain risks and benefits to patients
- Understand the limitations of promotional materials

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

To enrol in the Finding Evidence – Recognising Hype on-line learning program visit <http://www.nps.org.au/ferh>.

## Faxback Upcoming Events

### An Introduction to Enduring Powers of Guardianship and Advance Health Directives

Legislation is now in effect in WA which enables adults to make an Enduring Power of Guardianship (EPG) and an Advance Health Directive (AHD) to direct how lifestyle and treatment decisions will be made if they lose the capacity to make these decisions themselves.

**Tuesday 20th July 2010 6:30 – 8:30pm**  
Fremantle GP Network, 10 Silas Street, East Fremantle

Registrations close 9th July 2010. For further information contact Daniele McGrath on 9319 0555 or email [daniele.mcgrath@fremantlegpnetwork.com.au](mailto:daniele.mcgrath@fremantlegpnetwork.com.au).

YES, I would like to attend

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for any of the above

## Fremantle Hospital

### Paediatric Rapid Assessment & Management

The Paediatric Rapid Assessment and Management (PRAM) Unit is a new service operated out of the Fremantle Hospital paediatric ward (D4). It is a dedicated area on the paediatric ward, staffed by specialist paediatric medical and nursing staff whose aim is to provide prompt assessment and management of children with acute conditions referred by general practitioners, and who might otherwise need to be seen in hospital emergency departments.

General Practitioners can call the paediatric Senior Registrar between 10am and 4pm, Mon-Fri, to make referrals on the dedicated number: 0404 890 402. Often this will concern patients with acute respiratory conditions such as asthma, viral induced wheeze or bronchiolitis, and patients with complications related to vomiting and diarrhoea. However, the service is not limited to patients with these concerns. Patients with subacute presentations who would normally be referred to paediatric outpatients may also be considered for PRAM.

More information will shortly become available via the on-line FHHS GP handbook.

FAXBACK TO 9339 8355

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 9319 0555