



Fremantle
GP Network

FOR ALL PRACTICE STAFF

Weekly News

Thursday 9th September 2010

Community Prescribing of Opioid Pharmacotherapy Training

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CPOP training enables medical practitioners to appropriately assess opioid dependence, safely prescribe methadone and buprenorphine, and comply with CPOP policies and procedures. **The next scheduled CPOP training program is Saturday September 18th, 2010.**

See full details on flyer attached

On-line learning : Finding Evidence - Recognising Hype Be better equipped to make choices about new medicines

It's the last year of the triennium, which means time is running out to meet your RACGP QA&CPD requirements. You can achieve 40 Category 1 points by enrolling in a new self-paced, on-line learning program.

Finding Evidence - Recognising Hype is an 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). How do you start? Visit www.nps.org.au/ferh

Perinatal Anxiety and Depression Workshop for GPs Mental Health Skills Training

Primary mental health care: Assessment, planning and treatment strategies for GPs. This program is accredited with the RACGP as an Active Learning Module and with GP Mental Health Standards Collaboration as Mental Health Skills Training and attracts 40 Category 1 CPD points. **Saturday September 18th, 2010.**

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Support for GPs Managing Pregnant Women at risk of Domestic Violence

Can GPs be better supported to effectively provide referrals and services to pregnant women who may be at risk of domestic violence? I am currently investigating the capacity for GPs and other health professionals to do this. If you have an interest in this issue please contact: Dr Jennifer Dodd, Senior Research Fellow from Telethon Institute of Child Health Research.

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FAXBACK

FGPN UPCOMING EVENTS

GP Advisory Group

DATE: Friday 10 September 2010

TIME: 1:00pm

VENUE: FGPN, 10 Silas Street, East Fremantle

Topics:

- The Superclinic: would you like to hear the latest?
- Lifestyle Management & other projects – how can we improve participation and increase patient numbers?
- eHealth Education session in November – what should be on the agenda and who should come?

Six (6) places available; lunch provided

For further information please contact Quality Officer, Viktoria King

YES, I would like to attend

Practice Nurse Immunisation Update

DATE: Tuesday 21st September 2010

TIME: 5.30 registration. Session 6-8pm

VENUE: Arts and Crafts Room, Melville Recreation Centre, Cnr Stock Rd and Canning Highway

Topics:

- Pre - vaccination screening
- Vaccine reactions

For further information please contact Immunisation Program Officer, Palee Kaur.

YES, I would like to attend

RSVP now for the above workshops as spaces are limited! To register, fax back this form or call 9319 0555 for more information.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 9319 0555

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CPOP is coordinated through the Community Clinical Program (CCP) of Next Step Drug and Alcohol Services which provides training and support for:

- Medical practitioners (usually GPs) authorised to prescribe methadone and buprenorphine in WA
- Community pharmacists dispensing methadone and buprenorphine in WA
- Medical practice and pharmacy staff working in services that are involved in the program.

CPOP Training

CPOP training enables medical practitioners to appropriately assess opioid dependence, safely prescribe methadone and buprenorphine, and comply with CPOP policies and procedures.

Upon successful completion of the training program medical practitioners can obtain authority from the Department of Health allowing the prescription of methadone and buprenorphine to suitable patients. Individual prescribers decide the nature and extent of referrals accepted or can elect to only prescribe to suitable existing patients.

The benefits of becoming a CPOP Prescriber

Participation in CPOP allows GPs greater options to manage patients who are dependent on opioids (both illicit and prescribed) in a primary health care setting.

CPOP prescribers are supported by the Community Clinical Program and have access to direct clinical support from specialists experienced in the range of drug and alcohol treatment issues. CPOP Prescribers also have access to special educational events and resources focussed on the treatment of opioid dependence.

Training Dates

The next scheduled CPOP training program is:

- **Saturday September 18th, 2010**
- **Next Step Drug & Alcohol Service**
- **32 Moore Street, East Perth**
- **9.30am to 4.00pm**

Training is provided free of charge. A light lunch will be provided and General Practitioners are eligible for Continuing Medical Education credits from the RACGP and ACRRM.

Payments are available to reimburse rural GPs to cover the costs of travel and accommodation from rural and remote areas.

Training Outline

CPOP training covers:

- Assessment of drug use, with a focus on opioid dependence, and treatment options
- Treatment planning and induction onto pharmacotherapies
- Management of co-existing conditions
- CPOP policies and procedures

Following CPOP training, prescribers are mentored by Next Step consultants for the induction of their initial patients receiving opioid pharmacotherapies. Community Clinical Program staff are also available to assist with patient issues.

Bookings

Please contact Craig Carmichael - Coordinator of Community Provider Support to register your booking, to discuss any aspects of the CPOP training program, or arrange alternative training programs in your area.

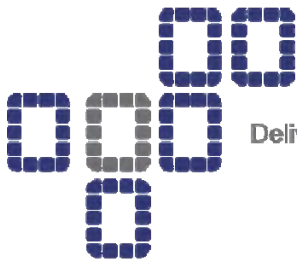
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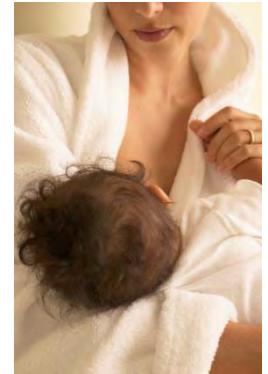




Delivering a Healthy WA



**WOMEN AND NEWBORN
HEALTH SERVICE
Perinatal Mental Health Services**



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Recommended for:

GPs, practice nurses, allied health professionals and those who work with women and their families in the perinatal period.

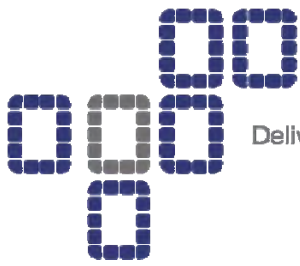
Trainers: James Foley and Lea Davidson

Lea Davidson is currently employed as Education & Training Officer for WA Perinatal Mental Health Unit. She has extensive experience in adult education and facilitation and has for the past 2 years been responsible for co-ordinating a statewide roll out of EPDS training and workforce development and facilitation of the this module to health professionals in both the acute and primary care sectors. She is also responsible for delivering Train The Trainer courses in Perinatal Anxiety Disorders. Lea's academic qualifications include a Bachelor of Nursing with Post Grad Diploma in Counselling and Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. She has some 32 years diverse nursing experience including a significant time working in women's health services.

James Foley is currently employed as - Education and Research Project Officer for WA Perinatal Mental Health Unit. James has extensive facilitation experience to a range of health professions. His academic qualifications include a Bachelor of Behavioural Science. James, has experience as a school teacher and was instrumental in the development of this module including literature reviews and conducting pilot presentations.



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of Health



Delivering a Healthy WA

This one-day workshop will cover an introduction to perinatal anxiety; perinatal anxiety disorders; engagement and screening; treatment referrals and resources and case studies.

Date: Saturday 18th September 2010

**Venue: Executive Suite, Challenge Stadium
Stephenson Avenue, Mt Claremont**

Time: 9.00am – 4.30pm Registration 8.45am

**Numbers are limited so please register as soon as possible*

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY 10/09/10 BY FAXING TO (08) 9361 9611 or emailing to Reception@wagpnetwork.com.au

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Government of Western Australia
Department of Health



An Introduction to Advance Health Directive and Enduring Power of Guardianship

Overview

On 15 February 2010 the *Acts Amendment (Consent to Medical Treatment) Act 2008 (Act)* came into effect in Western Australia enabling people to plan for medical, lifestyle and other healthcare decision making if in the future they are ever unable to make those decisions for themselves. The Act introduces changes to sections within the *Guardianship and Administration Act 1990*, the *Criminal Code* and the *Civil Liability Act 2002*.

The Act introduces Advance Health Directive (AHD) and Enduring Power of Guardianship (EPG):

- An AHD is a legal document in which an adult with full legal capacity can express their wishes about future medical treatment.
- An EPG is an instrument by which an adult can appoint an enduring guardian to make important personal decisions on their behalf in the event that they lose capacity to do so themselves.

The Department of Health, as part of the implementation plan for the Act, is responsible for providing education and training to health professionals. To this end, we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join one of our sessions:

- 10 September 2010, Armadale Health Service, Goline Conference Centre.
- 21 October 2010, Fremantle Hospital, CC Bennett Theatre
- 19 November 2010, Joondalup Health Campus, Conference Room.
- 7 December 2010, Royal Perth Hospital, Bruce Hunt Lecture Theatre.

All session times are 13:30 until 15:00

Target Group

These sessions are designed for health professionals who will be involved in assisting patients with their future treatment decisions.

RSVP

To register, please visit our website <http://www.health.wa.gov.au/advancehealthdirective/home/> where you will also find more information. NB: this session is not a video conferencing session. We have found it more beneficial for participants if we run these separately. For VC requests please visit our website to request a session.

