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PROJECT OFFICER INDIGENOUS HEALTH

We are seeking a full-time Project Officer working under the Closing the Gap – Improving Indigenous Access to Mainstream Primary Care Program. The role of the position will be to contribute to closing the gap in life expectancy by improving access to culturally sensitive primary care services for Indigenous Australians. An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful applicant. For more information contact Peter Wood on 9799 0933 or pwood@csogn.com.au
Applications close 5pm Friday 26 March 2010.

Capturing Cultural Identity/Indigenous Status on your New Patient Registration Form:

All practices should be capturing "Cultural Identity" as part of their patient demographic information. This is particularly relevant for accredited practices with the new Health Indigenous Practice Incentive Payment (PIP) starting 1st May 2010.

For more information contact Elizabeth Watson (Practice Management Project Officer) on 8752 4937.

NPS Clinical audit: Use of benzodiazepines, zolpidem and zopiclone in insomnia

This clinical audit provides GPs with the opportunity to review their management of patients prescribed a benzodiazepine, zolpidem or zopiclone for insomnia. Enrol by Friday 2 April 2010.

http://forms.nps.org.au/resources/content/CA_benzos_enrol.php. This activity has been approved by the RACGP QA&CPD Program, and attracts one QPI point for the current PIP year.

Please call Julie on 8752 4905 or Beba on 8752 4909 for more information.

Join the CSGPN Collaboratives Program

So, you have been reading about these collaboratives practices and how they are achieving efficiency gains in their business process and improving health outcomes for their patients?

For a limited time only, CSGPN has places available in the Australian Primary Care Collaboratives (APCC) program. To take advantage of this opportunity please tick the box below, call Kerstin on 8752 4904 or email kwalther@csogn.com.au.



GoodSmithNine

Asthma (Large Group) – Wednesday 10 March – 6.30pm (GP's & PN's)

Venue: Burwood Function Centre, 7-9 Burleigh Street, Burwood

- Asthma management update & emergency management
- SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely)

Mind the Gap – Physical & Mental Health Comorbidities - Wednesday 31 March – 6.30pm

Venue: Burwood Function Centre, 7-9 Burleigh Street, Burwood

- Prevalence of mental and physical health comorbidities
- Strategies to prevent, identify, self manage & treat mental and physical health comorbidities

This event is open to GPs, Practice Nurses and Local Allied Health Professionals.



Inner West Imaging

Imaging of Back Pain – Tuesday 16 March – 7pm (GP'S & PN'S)

Venue: CSGPN Level 1, 158 Liverpool Rd Ashfield (corner of Liverpool Rd and Queen St)

- Modalities-CT/Xray/MRI/Intervention
- Benefits and disadvantages of each modality
- When surgery is required

FAXBACK RSVP to 9799 0944

If you would like to register for the above events tick relevant box:

- Wed 10 March, Asthma
- Wed 31 March, Physical & Mental Health Comorbidities
- Tues 16 March, Imaging of Back Pain
- I am interested in the Australian Primary Care Collaboratives Program (APCC)

Name: _____ Job title: _____

Practice Name: _____ Mob: _____

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REMINDER

ATTENTION GPs WHO CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH OR HAVE AN INTEREST IN VIRAL HEPATITIS

CSGPN has been asked to assist Sydney South West Area Health Service (SSWAHS) in consulting with GPs to assist them in a planning process to develop a Chronic Viral Hepatitis Strategy for 2010-15. This is at the request of Prof. Geoff McCaughan, Director AW Morrow Gastroenterology and Liver Centre, Chair SSWAHS Hepatitis Advisory Committee and Dr Greg Stewart, Director Population Health, Planning and Performance, SSWAHS.

To facilitate this consultation a focus group is going to occur here at the CSGPN office on Monday night the 22 March with dinner at 6.30pm and the session from 7pm to 9pm. You will be paid for your attendance.

The focus group will be facilitated by Ms Jill Hardwick, a consultant appointed by SSWAHS to undertake broad consultation across the Area. The intention is to provide an overarching strategic framework, principles and directions for addressing the burden of chronic viral Hepatitis in SSWAHS.

There are a number of reasons why this planning process has been commissioned. The burden of chronic Hepatitis in SSWAHS is high with estimates suggesting that **40%** of NSW residents with chronic Hepatitis B infection live in SSWAHS and around **25%** of NSW Hepatitis C cases. The prevalence risk for both Hepatitis B and C is concentrated in specific locations and cultural groups; and although available data is insufficient to determine if prevalence rates are increasing, it is thought that there is at least stability of prevalence with a very high disease burden.

Individual invites are being sent to GPs as well. For further information please contact Dianne Deschamps on 8752 4923 or email ddeschamps@csgpn.com.au

Michael Moore

Dr Michael Moore
Chief Executive Officer
8 March 2010

Name (Please print) _____

Contact details: _____

- Yes I can attend the focus group on the 22 March 2010
No I cannot attend the focus group on the 22 March 2010

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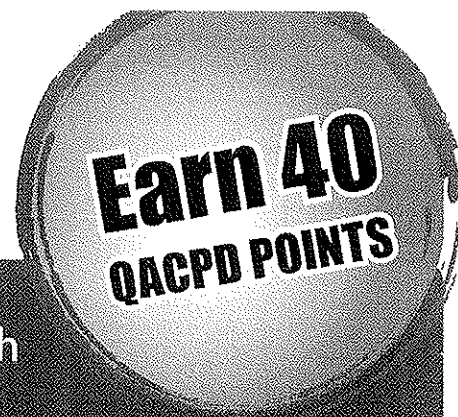
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Invitation to GPs to participate in a study with the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research

Management to Improve the Control of Asthma (MICA)

THIS STUDY IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Increase your asthma knowledge
- Identify 5 patients in your practice with poor asthma control
- Learn to use brief patient-centred interventions to help improve your patients' asthma control
- Compare your patients' asthma control with those in similar GP practices
- Earn 40 QACPD (Category 1) points for participation as a GP researcher* and 2 points per hour (Category 2) for participation in training

* This research activity has been approved in the 2008 – 2010 triennium for 40 RACGP QACPD points

PATIENT INCLUSION CRITERIA

You only need to recruit 5 patients who are:

- Using twice daily Seretide or Symbicort for asthma
- Aged 14 years or older
- Still having problems with their asthma

MORE ABOUT THE MICA STUDY

- Funded by NHMRC
- Aims to test strategies to improve asthma control and reduce asthma morbidity in primary care
- Uses practical tools customised to the needs of each patient
- You attend one evening workshop

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY

Email j.m.foster@woolcock.org.au (Juliet Foster)
Phone (02) 9114 0490
Post Woolcock Institute of Medical Research
ATT: Juliet Foster
PO Box M77 Missenden Rd NSW 2050
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PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS

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