



# Renew your membership for 2014/15

It is time to renew your membership for 2014/15 with GPpartners.

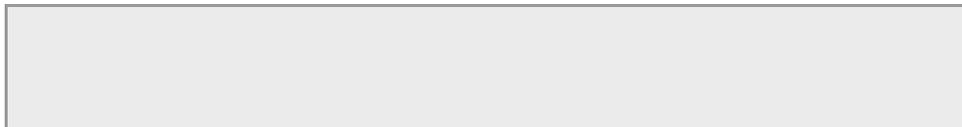
With the proposed changes to our health system in the 2014 Budget, it is an important time to be involved.

Due to privacy legislation, we will no longer be able to contact you unless you have completed and submitted the application form. The application form has a section that gives us your permission to email you with GPpartners' news, bulletins and education invitations.

This must be done each financial year, so even if you are currently a member, you will need to complete the application form as a 'renewal'.

**Your membership will lapse if you do not renew by 30 June 2014.**

**Renew or become a GPpartners member today**



## Upcoming Education Events

19 June

### 'Behavioural Problems in Children'

Arana Leagues Club,  
Keperra  
6 Cat 2 points

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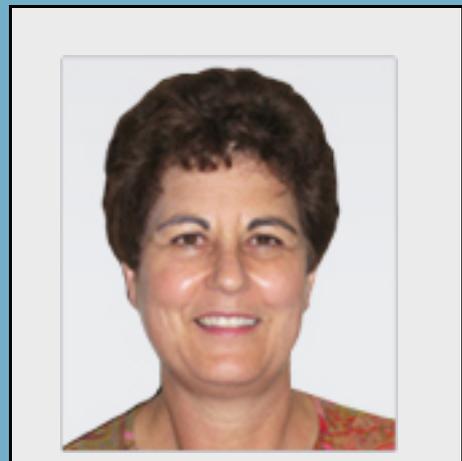
## GPpartners Membership

Join or renew now

Free until 30 June  
2015

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## GPpartners Board Members

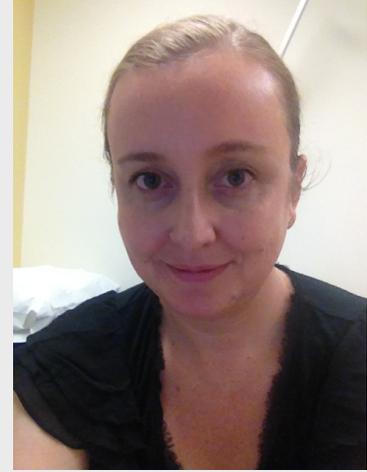


# Budget 2014

Many of the health-related Budget 2014 items focus on primary health care but the lack of detail about how they will work in practice is already causing confusion:

- From 1 July 2015, previously bulk-billed patients can expect to make a contribution of \$7 to the cost of most GP consultations and out-of-hospital pathology and diagnostic imaging services;
- GPs will be entitled to retain \$2 of the \$7 co-payment;
- GPs may waive the co-payment if they do not wish to pass these charges on to their patients; - (this of course may be what the government hopes for?) If co-payment is waived, it means in reality a likely \$12 discount as we currently understand that the bulk billing incentive payment will not apply;
- The existing Medicare rebate for most out-of-hospital pathology and diagnostic imaging services will be reduced by \$5;
- From 1 January 2015, patients will contribute \$5 more per prescription for PBS-listed medicines (\$37.70 up to \$42.70), while concessional patients will contribute an additional 80 cents per prescription (\$6.10 up to \$6.90). The PBS safety net threshold will also increase by 10% above CPI for 4 years, commencing in 2015.

Dr Jayne Ingham,  
Chair



Dr Sarah Cavanagh



A/Prof Glynn Kelly



Dr Deborah Sambo

## Cheaper scripts for your patients

Given the proposed changes detailed above, and that even now many patients find it hard (or impossible) to pay for medications, it is now of even more importance that we let our patient know that private

scripts can be much cheaper than PBS scripts  
(particularly at discount chemists)

Eg

generic pantoprazole (somalac) 180 tabs @ \$39

murelax 100 x 30mg @ \$9.99

generic doxycycline 70 x 100mg @ \$20



Dr Henry Bryan

Even if you do not have price comparison details to hand, you can let your patients know to ask the pharmacist themselves for both the price on the PBS and private prescription.

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## Assessing a lot of children for behavioural problems?

Does your heart sink when a parent comes in to your practice wanting the child to be “assessed”. The assessment is often initiated from the kindy or school because of concerns from the teacher and parent.

There are some basic things the GP can do prior to referral. Then there are the questions which children need referral and who to refer to for further assessment and treatment. Come and find the answers to your questions and see the local pathway developed in the Map of Medicine.

**Register for Behavioural Problems in Children - 19 June - Keperra**

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## The AMA are hosting the following events:

### **Fresh Thinking - Starting and Working in Private Practice Conference**

Friday 18 and Saturday 19 July at Victoria Park Golf Complex, Brisbane

For further details please [click here](#)

### **New Employment Landscape**

June - July, at 14 different locations throughout Queensland

For more details please [click here](#)

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## ***General practitioner required for a full time, permanent position.***

The practice is Doctor owned and has full time nursing support. It is a busy 2 Doctor Practice that provides full range of family medicine services to patients of all ages and both genders.

Applicants should have previous general practice experience, preferably with Fellowship or general

registration.

The practice is located in a shopping centre on the northside of Brisbane. It is a fast growing area with all facilities including both private and public schools.

Please apply with your CV to: P. O. Box 1421, Burpengary, QLD 4505

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## How Are Queensland's Kids Faring? Symposium

The Symposium, to further systems integration for children's wellbeing, will be held at the State Library of Queensland from 9am - 3pm on 19th June.

For more details and bookings, [click here](#).

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## A lighthearted look at the 2014 Budget

I believe the Haematologists thought it was a bloody good idea.

The AMA has weighed in on Joe Hockey's proposed changes Australia's health services

The Allergists voted to scratch them, but the

Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

The Gastroenterologists had a sort of a gut feeling about it, but the

Neurologists thought he had a lot of nerve.

The Obstetricians felt he was labouring under a misconception.

Ophthalmologists considered the ideas short-sighted.

Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the

Paediatricians said, "Oh, Grow up!"

The Psychiatrists thought the ideas were madness, while the

Radiologists could see right through them.

The Surgeons were fed up with the cuts and decided to wash their hands of the whole thing.

The ENT specialists didn't swallow it, and just wouldn't hear of it.

The Pharmacists thought it was a bitter pill to swallow, and the

Plastic Surgeons said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter..."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the

Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea.

The Anaesthetists thought the ideas were a gas, but the

Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to the a\*\*\*holes in parliament!

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