

February Bulletin

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## From the Chair.

This year is starting to race past again. Paeds in a Pod are offering an evening at North Lakes for GPs with two presenters, Dr Jamie Ross, who is a general paediatrician with an interest in neurology is going to discuss updates in epilepsy, and Dr Marlon Radcliffe, who will talk about diagnosis and management of conditions in babies. From my experience paediatric neurologists are difficult to find so Dr Ross's experience in neurology will be greatly appreciated. The details of the evening are in the flyer attached.

In Metro North, GPs with Special Interests have taken up positions in many different out patient areas. Some inside information is that there is now a clinic at RBWH where EEGs can be obtained for patients after a first fit. There is also a Gynaecology Clinic at RBWH offering Mirena insertions for patients who may not be able to access this service in General Practice. The clinics are listed in the dropdown menu in the electronic referral form to RBWH. (GPWSI positions are still available if you are interested please contact [MNHHS GPwSIProject@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:MNHHS GPwSIProject@health.qld.gov.au))

There are also high risk foot clinics at Redcliffe, Caboolture, Prince Charles and Royal Brisbane Hospitals for foot ulcers or Charcot's joints. The patients are assessed by podiatrists and if needed referred to vascular surgeons. These early interventions are to prevent amputations. Referral is through the Central Referral form and after the referral is received the patient is seen within two working days.

GPpartners have had a request to see if any GPs are interested in working with Dr Benjamin Tsang (Staff Neurologist at Sunshine Coast University Hospital) in OPD. This is a GP with special interest position paid at VMO rates 3 sessions a week. Please contact [Maree.Willett@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Maree.Willett@health.qld.gov.au) or [Benjamin.Tsang@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Benjamin.Tsang@health.qld.gov.au)

Carer's Queensland have been funded to assist patient with applying for the NDIS in the

Moreton Bay Region. They are situated at Level 5, The Corso, North Lakes and phone number is 3384 1601.

I find that the information that makes our lives easier as GPs, isn't always readily available. GPpartners are continuing to develop GPpreferal which will centralise the local information. It is a slow process developing an IT solution but watch this space.

We are looking forward to another year of education and catching up with GPs. If you have any suggestions or requests please email [contact@gppartners.com.au](mailto:contact@gppartners.com.au)

**Dr Jayne Ingham**  
**GPpartners**

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## **Upcoming Education Sessions.**



# **'Epilepsy update & Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip'**

**Mon, 25th February**

**Paeds in a Pod, North Lakes**

You are invited to the upcoming Paeds in a Pod GP Education Session at North Lakes.

There are two presenters, Dr Jamie Ross, who is a general paediatrician with an interest in neurology, is going to discuss updates in epilepsy and Dr Marion

Radcliffe will talk about diagnosis and management of conditions in babies.

Paediatric neurologists can be difficult to find, so make the most of this opportunity and bring your questions along.

**Time: 6.30pm Dinner & Drinks**  
**7.00pm Presentation**

**Venue: Paeds in a Pod**  
**Suite 5, Level 1**  
**12 Endeavour Boulevard**  
**North Lakes**

**Register now for 'Epilepsy & DDH' - 25 Feb**

**Invitation for 'Epilepsy & DDH' - 25 Feb**

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