

GPPARTNERS' BULLETIN

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From the Chair

Jayne Ingham

It is coming up to an important time of the year for GPpartners our AGM. You would have received by email Nomination Forms for the Directors' position. The form is also on the GPpartners website. Two positions are vacant. Nominations need to be returned by Wednesday the 11th of September.



Our AGM is on **Thursday the 10th of October** at Holy Spirit Northside. Mater Pathology are sponsoring the evening and we are having an Update on Genetic Testing which is topical at the moment with Angelina Jolie having a double mastectomy because of her genetic risk of breast cancer. We will also learn about the consequences for a person's insurability if you have your genetic profile done.

Don't forget to check out the GPpartners website www.gppartners.com.au. You will find the previous newsletters as well as presentations from the very popular "Behaviour Issues in Children" LAG meeting at Murrumba Downs. If you are not already a member there is an online membership form to complete. Our upcoming Education Events are also featured. Look out for the "Boning up on Knees" by orthopaedic specialist Dr Gamboa at the North Lakes Day Hospital in October.

You may have realised there wasn't an August Newsletter. I must admit I was busy at a Dermatology Conference aboard the cruise ship Celebrity Silhouette. The conference was organised by Continuing Education University at Sea an American Company. The website is www.ContinuingEducation.NET. The conference and cruise were very well organised. It was very interesting to talk to Primary Care Physicians from the US. The issues are similar despite the differences in our medical systems. There is a 14 night Australia and New Zealand conference coming up in February on Neurology. Details are on the Continuing Education University at Sea website.

Remember to nominate and vote for the director positions. See you on the 10th of October at the AGM.

Jayne Ingham.

Date Claimers

10th October
Annual General Meeting
Holy Spirit Northside

17th October
"Boning up on Knees"
Northlakes

HAVEN'T YET RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013—2014 or JOINED GPPARTNERS ??

Visit our Website and take this opportunity to join GPpartners!

ONLINE NOW

www.gppartners.com.au/membership

Membership remains free for 2013-2014 year

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Call for nominations for a position on the Board of Directors of GPpartners close on **Wednesday 11th September at 5pm**. If you would like to nominate for a position or know of a fellow GP who may be interested, please be aware of the closing date.

Nomination forms and further information is available on our Website. www.gppartners.com.au.

Investigating microcephaly

Geoffrey Woods,¹ Alasdair Parker²

Arch Dis Child 2013;98:707–713.

Abstract

1. Microcephaly is a clinical finding, not a 'disease', and is a crude but trusted assessment of intracranial brain volume.
2. Developmental processes reducing in utero neuron generation present at birth with 'Primary microcephaly'.
3. 'Secondary microcephaly' develops after birth and predominantly reflects dendritic or white matter diseases.
4. Microcephalic conditions have a heterogeneous aetiology, but increasingly genomic tests are available that allow an exact diagnosis.

The article is available at: <http://adc.bmj.com/content/98/9/707.abstract>

Parliamentary Petition about the Royal Children's Hospital closure

GPpartners has been asked to inform members of this Parliamentary Petition about the Royal Children's Hospital closure. Please follow the link to find out more about the petition.

<http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/e-petition?PetNum=2140>

IMMUNE DEFICIENCIES IN CHILDREN

The Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne produces many good fact sheets on relevant topics. The area of Immune Deficiencies in children is confusing so this link may be helpful.

http://www.rch.org.au/uploadedFiles/Main/Content/genmed/Immune_deficiencyPB_final.pdf

LAG MEETING— Thursday 17th October

"BONING UP ON KNEES"

Dr Gamboa from Queensland Hips & Knees has kindly offered to present a session for GPs providing practical tips on how to diagnose knee complaints and treatment.

This presentation will be held at Montserrat Day Hospital, Northlakes. Invitations will be emailed in the coming weeks—mark it in your diary now!

Fifteen-minute consultation on the infant with a large head

Dr Arnab Seal, Leeds Community, Healthcare NHS Trust and Leeds

Arch Dis Child Educ Pract Ed 2013;98:122–125

ABSTRACT

An infant with a large head (2.5 SDs above normal for weight and gender or above 99.6th centile for age) is a common clinical presentation. Usually, it is due to benign isolated macrocephaly or familial macrocephaly (FM) where some close family members are similarly affected¹; neither condition requires any further intervention. However, there are a few important underlying causes the clinician needs to actively consider and investigate when indicated before measuring parents. These considerations include whether there is any associated developmental disorder or suggestion of a syndromic association or evidence of raised intracranial pressure (ICP).

The article is available at:

<http://ep.bmj.com/content/98/4/122.abstract>

Other relevant material

Video on how to measure a head circumference accurately

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shIJz6N9LTA>

The latest Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) coronavirus situation update, current as of 5 September 2013 is attached. Please see the table below which highlights key information for GPRT members.

Topic	Situation Update for MERS Co-V current as at 05/09/13
What is new?	Six new cases reported to the WHO. Total cases 108 with 50 deaths.
Specific actions for GPs/general practice	For your information only, no further action required
Who should this information be sent to	GPRT members can distribute this information within their networks as appropriate.
Urgency	Routine
Link for further information	www.health.gov.au/mers-coronavirus
Next update	Unless/until the epidemiological situation/characteristics change, there will be no further update for GPs.