

## GPPARTNERS' BULLETIN

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### From the Chair .....

We seem to be inundated with invitations to education events at the moment. There are several weekend events and some offering 40 Category 1 points. It must be a bid for GPs to complete their CPD points for the triennium.

I recently attended the RACGP State Conference. It is always good value and often challenges our beliefs. The pendulum seems to have swung a bit the other way and we may be over treating some people.



I learnt from the session on Paediatrics that the long held belief that we need to manage a child's temperature so they don't have a febrile convulsion has been found to be incorrect. Panadol and Nurofen or more correctly paracetamol and ibuprofen should be used to make the child more comfortable not as antipyretics. The use of these medications doesn't make any difference to the incidence of febrile convulsions. The fact sheet from the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne has more information.

[http://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact\\_sheets/Fever\\_in\\_children/](http://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Fever_in_children/).

Included in this newsletter is information about a new service at Prince Charles Hospital where a registrar who looks after geriatric patients will do home visits in certain situations. Sounds too good to be true!

Sometimes I am asked by the GP registrars in our practice who do I refer to for vasectomies. Dr Chi Hong Wong is a GP who does vasectomies and we have included his details in the Newsletter. It is often difficult for GPs new to an area to know who to refer to. GPPartners would like to hear from GPs with special interests.

Our mantra is to help make GPs lives easier so if you have any suggestions or tips let us know. By sharing our experiences or knowledge it helps our colleagues.

Look out for the Local Area Group meetings the details are in the newsletter and we will be sending out invitations very soon.

Jayne Ingham

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2013—2014

In the coming week, we will be uploading our membership form onto our website for you to complete and submit "online" - Details coming soon!

If you are not YET a member of GPpartners, you may like to consider joining at this time. There will be NO membership fee payable.

### Date Claimers

28th May 2013

"Diabetes"

at Mon Komo  
Redcliffe



13th June 2013

"Diagnosis and  
Management of  
Behaviour Issues in  
Children"

Murrumba Downs  
Tavern



18th June 2013

Picato: "The fastest  
topical treatment for  
Solar keratoses"

North Lakes Hospital



20th June 2013

"Investigations for  
Chest Pain the pros  
and cons"

Women are different  
to Men when it  
comes to cardiac  
symptoms.

Holy Spirit Northside



## Community Geriatric Medicine at Prince Charles Hospital

Geriatric Patient care is often full of challenges which require service providers to look at ways of improving effective and efficient service delivery. Often we come across patients who fail to attend appointments multiple times for several reasons including inability to remember appointments due to cognitive impairment or difficulty getting to the hospital due to disabling symptoms and poor mobility.

Some patients reside in residential aged care facilities and may have challenging behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia or other challenging symptoms which when addressed greatly improve their quality of life.

These are some of the patients that are being targeted by the Prince Charles Hospital through the Community Geriatric Medicine registrar position which has the ability to visit and review patients in their place of residence. The service opened in February this year and our referrals come from General Practitioners most of whom have known about the service from Transitional Care Providers, ACAT assessors, and other health care providers at Prince Charles who have identified patients who are more suited to domiciliary visits that attend clinics at the hospital.

The service focuses on older people who are at risk of hospital admission or re-admission - for example, those who have

- ✦ One or more of the “geriatric syndromes” – cognitive impairment, reduced mobility and falls, incontinence, frailty, polypharmacy, functional decline, or
- ✦ Multiple chronic health conditions requiring an assessment by a geriatrician and a co-ordinated management plan, and/or

Difficulty accessing hospital or clinic-based services

The general practitioner is central to the patient’s care and therefore communication is maintained through phone conversations if there are any urgent matters, documentation in nursing home charts and a letter is also sent out after every review. As the service cannot provide long term follow up this communication with general practitioners is crucial.

The role provides a unique opportunity for the registrar to attend Transitional Care case conferences, ACAT meetings older persons mental health case conferences and community clinics gaining experience which is quite applicable to the challenging group of patients. The registrar can bring all the multi-disciplinary teams knowledge to the patient assessment and feed back to the same team.

### If you would like to refer a patient to this service, please:

Write a named referral to me (Dr Keren Harvey) in the “Geriatric Community Clinic” (The named referral is for tracking purposes as this is not currently a Medicare billed service).

Send it electronically, or fax it to Specialist Outpatient Services at The Prince Charles Hospital, on 3256 3470 or 3139 5065.

For further information about the service, please contact the Community Geriatric registrar on 0437235711 or Dr Keren Harvey via 3139 4111.

## Introducing Dr Chi Hong Wong

At shop one, 27 South Pine Road, Brendale Qld 4500 (opposite Strathpine Train Station)

In my earlier years I was trained as a surgical trainee in various public hospitals in Queensland, successfully completed my Part One Australasian College Of Surgeons examinations before starting my private practice in Brendale.

I provide various surgical treatments from repairing torn ear lobes to ingrown toe nails but majority of the referrals are for no-scalpel vasectomy and excision of facial skin cancers/melanomas.

This is only a short excerpt of an article from Cochrane Library (free online access) Cochrane Fertility Regulation Group. Published Online: 8 JUL 2009 **Scalpel versus no-scalpel incision for vasectomy:**

Compared to the traditional incision technique, the no-scalpel approach to the vas resulted in less bleeding, hematoma, pain during or after the procedure, and infection, as well as a shorter operation time and a more rapid resumption of sexual activity.

You are cordially invited for drinks and canapés to celebrate the grand opening at Chermside Medical Complex of :

### **NORTHSIDE ENT & Neurosensory Chermside**

This event provides a perfect opportunity to liaise with your local team:

#### **ENT surgeons**

Dr Hannah Burns  
Dr Paul Canty  
Dr David McCrystal

#### **Audiologists**

Tom Garwood  
Mitchell Quine  
Trinette Walmsley  
Carla Rose

and enjoy some **drinks and canapés** after work.

**This event is RACGP accredited.**

- Activity number 768218 • 2 Category 2 points

**Friday 31 May 2013, 5:30pm onwards**

Chermside Medical Complex  
Level 2, 956 Gympie Road  
CHERMSTIDE QLD 4032

**RSVP** to Casey by Friday 24 May 2013  
On 07 3835 8817 or [casey.symonds@nsu.com.au](mailto:casey.symonds@nsu.com.au)

## **IMS and Collection of Personal Prescribing Data.**

IMS has responded to recent media coverage about the collection and provision of data. They are reassuring GPs that all information pertaining to prescribing data that is provided to third parties collected via various sources is de-identified. There is no provision of personal information, including contact details to third parties/clients of IMS and nor can prescribing patterns be attributed to individual doctors.

Unfortunately the email address in the previous newsletter to contact IMS was incorrect. If you want to clarify the situation the contact details for IMS are

**IMS Privacy Officer** : phone 0298056947

PO Box 940, Crows Nest, NSW 2065

email [privacyofficer@au.imshealth.com](mailto:privacyofficer@au.imshealth.com)

# You ask the Questions...

Date:  
**Tuesday  
4 June 2013**

Time:  
**6.30pm for  
7pm start**

*Registration, dinner  
and presentations*

Venue:  
Ground Floor,  
**Sister Edith Centre  
for Education**  
Holy Spirit Northside  
627 Rode Road  
**Chermside**

*Parking underneath  
the Sr Edith Centre*

As part of our ongoing commitment to your education Holy Spirit Northside Private Hospital is pleased to invite you to this event. The evening will commence with one short presentation and then move into interactive discussions around your dinner table.

Ask our Specialists the problem questions and discuss the difficult cases you encounter in your practice. Make this an informative, interactive and useful educational evening. You are the primary carer before and after hospitalisation – what do you want to know?

**Presentation: 'Surgery for Ileal Crohn's Disease' with Dr David Clark**

**Round Table discussions with our Specialists:**

- **Dr David Clark**  
*Colorectal Surgeon*
- **Dr Andrew Rosenstengel**  
*Respiratory and Sleep Physician*
- **Dr Tom Zhou**  
*Gastroenterologist/  
Hepatologist*
- **Dr Jamie Reynolds**  
*Urologist*
- **Dr Steven Yang**  
*Spinal and Hand Surgeon*

*We look forward to your company and to your contribution to the interactive discussions throughout the evening presentations.*



Please FAX or EMAIL your acceptance of this invitation

RSVP:  
**Friday 31 May**  
to Jenny Kilby

Mobile:  
**0401 712 990**

Fax:  
**(07) 3326 3523**

Email:  
**jenny.kilby@hsn.org.au**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ QI & CPD: \_\_\_\_\_

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