



From the Chair

GPpartners Board had a recent meeting with interested GPs to discuss some of the issues which are affecting General Practice at the moment including the co-payment, the upcoming Primary Health Networks and the corporatisation of practices and GP training.

The main message was that GPs need to be united to provide a unified voice so we at the grassroots have direct input into decisions made that affect General Practice. The GPs at the meeting committed to inviting two GPs each to our next dinner meeting to swell the ranks to 60 active GPs in GPpartners attending the meeting.

It is an important time to position ourselves at a Local Level with the changes from the Medicare Locals to the Primary Health Networks. As the Hovarth report said, there needs to be much more GP engagement and consultation in the new PHNs. GPpartners agrees. We need to be able to say GPpartners is the local GP network and represent the majority of GPs.

GPpartners encourage as many GPs as possible to attend our next dinner meeting on the 29th October at Victoria Park Golf Complex, Herston. We want to know what you are concerned about. GPs are an innovative bunch and as seen in the past have provided solutions to the practical problems in General Practice. What you as a GP finds annoying, difficult or requires too much bureaucracy and paperwork is probably affecting other GPs as well.

If you would like to be involved and cannot

AGM

Save the Date

**6pm,
Wednesday
29th October
2014**

Victoria Park Golf
Complex, Herston

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due 1st October

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make it to the next meeting please email contact@gppartners.com.au and we can keep you in the loop.

Jayne Ingham
Chair, GPpartners

Board of Directors - Call for Nominations

GPpartners AGM is just around the corner on 29th October 2014.

In the GPpartners constitution, a Board Directors Term is for two years, so two of our directors are standing down. GPpartners is calling for nominations to become a Board Director.

Directors are expected to attend monthly Board Meetings and represent GPpartners at events such as the GP education evenings or meetings with other like minded organisations like the RACGP, General Practice Networks, GP Training organisations, etc. Of course, the Board encourages discussion and innovative ideas from the Board members.

Any current Full Financial Member may nominate any other current Full Financial Member to serve on the Board.

To this end, members are asked to nominate for election to the position of Director on the Board of GPpartners Limited.

Director nominations, in writing and signed by the nominee, a proposer and seconder, must be lodged with the Company Secretary, GPpartners Limited, PO Box 6616, Mitchelton QLD 4053, or by fax on 07 3054 0486 or scanned and emailed to contact@gppartners.com.au .

Board Members



Dr Jayne Ingham,
Chair



A/Prof Glynn Kelly



Dr Deborah Sambo



Dr Henry Bryan

Nominations close 5.00pm Wednesday, 1st October 2014. Late nominations will not be considered.

If you are interested and would like to find out more information please contact Dr Jayne Ingham 0407 550 106 or jayne.ingham@gppartners.com.au or contact@gppartners.com.au . The nomination form is on the website at www.gppartners.com.au or [click here](#).

A list of nominees and official proxy voting forms will be posted out with the Notice of AGM at least 21 days prior to the AGM.

Medscape Medical App

Lots of GPs are using the free Medscape app. It is used for drug reference, drug interaction checker, disease & condition reference, procedure reference, etc.

You can find more about it at www.medscape.com



Highlights from August GP Education on Digestive Health

On the 26th of August Montserrat Indooroopilly hosted a GP Education event in their newly redecorated rooms.

Dr Mark Norrie took us through the indications for using the Pill Cam Capsule Endoscopy and how it works. It is amazing the by swallowing this capsule it tumbles around the small intestine sending photos back to an external receiver.

Dr Rebecca Ryan's topic was "Current Management of iron deficiency and excess." Rebecca discussed Ferinject which doesn't have the anaphylactic side effects of the

previous preparations. It is being used replenish iron stores and is sometimes used instead of blood transfusions in blood loss. Often a patient only needs one infusion of 1000mg over 15 mins. Rebecca also told us about the High Ferritin App <https://highferritin.transfusion.com.au/instructions> available through the Red Cross. As well as indicating which patients are able to have their blood taken at the Blood Bank it replaces the need to complete therapeutic venesection form for haemochromatosis and other blood disorders.

Dr Terrance Tan looked at “A New Look at an Old Problem of Irritable Bowel Syndrome.” I must admit I was a doubting Thomas thinking that there is not much to add to what we know about Irritable Bowel Syndrome but I was wrong. Just a few gems: 70% of women with IBS also suffer from dyspareunia, there is exaggerated gastro colic response even in the gall bladder (maybe all those people with RUQ and no stones!), delayed gastric emptying, the role of serotonin and small bowel transit, the changes in our modern diet and effect on the bowel, the new medication in the pipeline to treat some of these causes and then all the research from Monash on FODMAPs.

Although sometimes I struggle to go to education events after a busy day at work I am continually surprised by how quickly medicine is changing. GPpartners try to provide education events that are relevant to GPs and worth attending. We ask all the speakers to send us their presentations to put on our website so GPs who were unable to attend can receive the information.

Dr Jayne Ingham
Chair, GPpartners

New Children's Hospital



With the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital (LCCH) due to open later in the year, Queensland Health have some information available on their website:

- [overview of the hospital and services](#)
- [car parking and access](#)

You will find the Queensland Health Children's Hospital website at:

www.health.qld.gov.au/childrenshospital

Westside Dermatology Education Evening - 22nd October at Taringa



Westside Dermatology's allergist and dermatologists will invite you to join them from 6-9pm on 22nd October in a highly interactive education evening. You are welcome to take part in multiple workshops and meet the Westside Dermatology doctors.

For more info, see [the invitation](#), or contact Christian by fax: 3871 1570 or email marketing@westderm.com.au

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