

GPPARTNERS' BULLETIN

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From the Chair

Thank you for the enthusiastic response to our invitation to attend the After Hours Local Area Group meeting. We have had to change the venue to accommodate the increased numbers (we have over 60 acceptances at the time of writing this piece).

The event will be now held at **"Crushers" Brothers Grange Community Sports Club at 14 Agincourt Street, The Grange.**

It is not too late to RSVP. Please complete the registration form on the invitation which was sent with this newsletter.

The evening is planned to be interactive so your questions can be answered. It is not just about the PIP payments; we hope to cover a whole range of issues about provision of after hours services.

To help the evening run a bit more smoothly we are asking you to send in your questions prior to the evening so that we can cover the areas of concern. There will be time on the night to ask questions from the floor as well.

Our first After Hours LAG Meeting at "Hillstone" St Lucia was very well received. GPs who provide their own after hours service questioned how they would show that they are providing a service as many phone calls from patients don't need a visit so measuring MBS item numbers doesn't really catch activity.

The GPs responsibility from an ethical, legal and standards point of view for provision of after hours care was discussed with Dr Eleanor Chew presenting the RACGP standards and Dr Richard Kidd discussing the legal side.

Stuart Tait from the deputising service Family Care explained how the service tries to support continuity of care with letters back to GPs and phone contact if needed. Clinical Handover and monitoring of results was identified as an issue when more than one practitioner was involved in the patient care. I am sure many more issues will be considered at the meeting on the 28th February.

We now have over 300 GP members in GPpartners and ask anyone who hasn't completed the membership form to do so and support our efforts in GP education and advocacy. We have some date claimers for upcoming education events and have several more in the pipeline so hope to see you then. Remember if you have any issues or need to contact us please email them to contact@gppartners.com.au.

Jayne Ingham

Chair GPpartners.



Date Claimers

"Managing Depression with Comorbid Borderline Personality Disorder"

Tuesday 5 March 2013
commencing at 6pm

Presenter:
Dr Saibal Guha

Venue:
North Lakes Day Hospital

Sponsor: AstraZeneca
Australia



"Dermoscopy Skills"

Tuesday 5 March
commencing at 6pm

Presenters:
Dr Cliff Rosendahl and
Dr Alan Cameron

Venue:
Jephson Hotel,
Toowong
Sponsor: LEO Pharma

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MEETINGS
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Home Care changes for Metro North Brisbane region

In December 2012, Metro North Hospital and Health Service (MNHHS) announced changes to its long-term Home Care Services.

Metro North is progressively transferring long-term Home Care back to funding agencies for transfer to other providers. Home Care is funded by the Commonwealth Home and Community Care (HACC) Program and Queensland Community Care Services.

Long-term Home Care Services are more appropriately managed by private and nongovernment providers that specialise in this type of service and do it very well. Metro North long-term Home Care services will be gradually reduced over a period of time to minimise disruption and to give existing clients enough time to secure arrangements with these providers. All clients affected by the change have been notified in writing and are being supported through this change.



Metro North Home Care clients who would like more information can call 1800 108 668 or 1800 108 793 to speak to a MNHHS staff member about Home Care Services or visit the Metro North website:-

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/metronorth/redesign/default.asp>

More information on HACC funding and governance reforms can be found on the DoHA website at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ageing-hacc-faqs.htm>

Editor's Note

What this means for General Practice.

Some of your elderly patients come in saying their cleaning lady is going. This is because funding for some community services run by Queensland Health is being moved to the domiciliary nursing agencies like Blue Care, Ozcare and Anglicare etc.

In the long term this will probably mean better coordination of home care services but in the short term there is going to be a gap in services as the funding goes from the State to the non-government organisations so they are able to increase their workers and subsequently services.

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To register for one of these events, please complete the form below and return via Fax or Email to:

Email: contact@gppartners.com.au Fax: 07 3054 0486 Any further enquiries: 0468 357 359

REGISTER TODAY

(Please indicate which one you are attending).

Dermoscopy Skills **OR**

Managing Depression with Comorbid Borderline Personality Disorder

Contact Details:

Title: _____ First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Practice Name: _____

Practice Address: _____

Suburb: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Mobile: _____ Dietary Requirements: _____

ACU opens specialised clinic at Brisbane Campus.

The ACU Brisbane Campus has opened a specialised health clinic on campus to service staff, students and the community.

A Commonwealth Government initiative funded by Health Workforce Australia (HWA), the ACU Health Clinic will increase clinical training capacity for students in the health disciplines, and has been designed for registered health professionals to supervise students on their clinical placement while providing health services to their clients.

Executive Dean of Health Sciences, Professor Michelle Campbell, said this facility has great benefits for the local community, ACU staff and students.

“This state-of-the-art health clinic provides opportunities for students to undertake clinical placements, provides speciality clinic services to the north Brisbane community, and provides a GP and physiotherapy service to the staff and students on campus,” she said.

“Designed as a multi-disciplinary clinic, operation will start with three specialty physiotherapy clinics - dealing with balance, falls and vestibular rehabilitation, back stability, and women’s health - with the services expanding to incorporate other disciplines such as nursing, midwifery and exercise science over the years.”

The clinics are being developed in collaboration with the Mater Hospital and The Prince Charles Hospital, and specialty equipment on site will allow the clinic to assist referral clients from local physiotherapists, GPs and specialists.

HWA is a Commonwealth statutory authority created to drive a strategic, long-term program that will build a sustainable health workforce for Australia.

The Brisbane campus is at part of the School of Physiotherapy at ACU at 1100 Nudgee Road Banyo Queensland 4014 (access is off Approach Road). Telephone 3623 7742.



A specialised health clinic is now available at ACU's Brisbane Campus.

Image: Peter Waddington.

