



WentWest Weekly Update

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UPCOMING EDUCATION EVENTS

MDref Drug Database Update – February 2010

HCN has just released an update for the Medical Director Drug Database, applicable to both MD2 and MD3 users. It is strongly recommends that you update your MDref database as it includes monthly PBS changes, including new items, Streamlined Authority changes and PBS pricing details. This update can not be used on versions of MDref older than December 2009, and builds on MD versions 2.97 and 3.10.5. To download this update or read the complete release notes, visit [HCN online](http://www.hcn.org.au) or contact HCN sales on 1300 300 161.

NPS News

The latest NPS News is titled "Addressing hypnotic medicines use in primary care". Issues such as non-drug therapies for insomnia and strategies for withdrawing hypnotics are addressed in this issue. You can view NPS News online at www.nps.org.au/health_professionals/publications/nps_news.

Doctor's Priority Line Exemption for Telephone Interpreter Service

Department of Immigration and Citizenship provides a free telephone interpreter services to medical practitioners to communicate with their non-English speaking patients. Doctors who are not currently registered for the Doctor's Priority Line can arrange access to the service via telephone 1300 455820 or by sending a form to fax 1300 654 151. To download the form visit: <http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/help-with-english/>

National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS)

NSW Health has developed a series of **NEW** factsheets promoting H1N1 vaccination. There are factsheets for; healthcare workers, children with chronic medical conditions, people who have recently been discharged from hospital and pregnant women. Please visit the NSW Health website <http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/vaccination/index.asp>.

Four Year Old Health Check Booklets

Get Set 4 Life booklets in three different languages namely Arabic, Traditional Chinese and Vietnamese. GPs/PNs are required to hand this booklet to the parents of 4 yr old children, after completion of item709/711 Healthy Kids Check. If you require these booklets please tick the box and fax it back on 8833 8019.

Do you Employ an EN? Know your Responsibilities in General Practice

The APNA has written this guide to assist Enrolled Nurses, Registered Nurses, GPs and Practice Managers to establish appropriate and effective supervision of Enrolled Nurses. [<LINK>](#)

Chinese Telephone Based Smoking Cessation Service

The Chinese Quitline provides an advisory service to the Cantonese and Mandarin speaking communities to encourage smoking cessation. This is a free confidential and professional service offering free follow-up call backs. After an initial consultation, a translated "Quit Kit" is mailed out. The service is funded by Cancer Institute NSW and is managed by the NSW Multicultural Health Communication Service in partnership with Quitline NSW. Ph: 1300 784 836.

Orientation Program for Nurses

The dates for the Hunter Orientation Program have been corrected and will be held on the 28th and 29th April 2010. For more information click [<LINK>](#)

Friday 26 February 12.30pm-2.00pm MDMPA – Interventional Radiology:

Jade House Corner Mt Druitt Road and The Avenue, Old Mt Druitt. RSVP contact Dr Chhatar Sethia on 9625 7181.

Saturday 27 February 12.00pm-5.15pm

Rare Diseases Workshop – Kids Research Institute, Meeting Room 1, The Children's Hospital at Westmead. To register ph: Karen Pattison on 02 9845 3005 or email apsu@chw.edu.au. For more information click

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Thursday 4 March 6.30pm–9.00pm PMNG – Workplace Law Changes in

2010. Courtyard Marriott, 18-40 Anderson Street, Parramatta.

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Tuesday 9 March 6.30pm–9.00pm Therapeutic Choices for Menopausal

Symptoms - Courtyard Marriott Parramatta 18-40 Anderson St Parramatta.

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Wednesday 10 March 9.00am-4.00pm Improving the health system's re-

sponse to children with developmental and behavioural problems. 7-11 Mount St, North Sydney. [<FLYER>](#)

Wednesday 10 March 12.30pm-2.00pm

Parramatta/Holroyd CPD – Infections Affecting Skin. Parramatta Workers Club, 163 – 165 George Street, Parramatta.

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Saturday 13&14 March 9.00am–5.00pm Pharmacist Stage One Accreditation –

Parramatta venue, tbc. [<FLYER>](#)

Saturday & Sunday 15th & 16th May Health Expo –

WentWest has planned an exciting two day Health Expo, each day delivered in three streams to cater for GPs, Practice Nurses and Practice Staff with a range of stimulating topics throughout the day. Contact Fran Alexander (Education Coordinator) or Azize Alpertonga (Administration support) at our WentWest offices, on 8833 8029 for further information.

To RSVP or register your interest in the above articles, please tick the relevant box, complete your details and fax it back to WentWest on (02) 8833 8019.

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