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### **GENERAL PRACTITIONER CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION (GPCE) AVAILABLE ONLINE**

A new online CPD educational portal, GPCE, is designed by GPs for GPs. It enables GPs to update on the latest developments and innovations in medicine.

Available sessions include: depression, dermoscopy for GPs, Medico-legal, HIV overview, emergency medicine, chronic kidney disease, dysfunction, obesity medications, asthma and allergy medications, dermatology, pathology test update, testing and medications of STI's. Go to [www.onlinegpce.com.au](http://www.onlinegpce.com.au).

### **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Do you want to develop more confidence working cross-culturally with patients experiencing mental health problems? The NSW Institute of Psychiatry & NSW Transcultural Mental Health Centre are offering a distance education unit of study: ***Cross-Cultural Mental Health Care in General Practice***.

Scholarships are available for GPs practising anywhere in Australia and the semester begins 23 February, 2009 for 15 weeks. Applications from GPs in rural and remote areas are encouraged. Scholarship applications close February 7, 2009. Application pending for RACGP points. Contact: Chandrani at the TMHC (02) 9840 3800

### **ACCREDITATION OF LIFESTYLE MODIFICATION PROGRAMS**

The Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes Program, is a Commonwealth government initiative which aims to prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes in 40-49 year old patients who are at high risk. A key component of this program is the ability for GPs to refer high risk eligible patients to subsidised, accredited Lifestyle Modification Programs (LMPs).

On 1 October a formal process for accrediting LMPs accreditation came into effect. All accreditation information and forms have been uploaded to the AGPN website <http://www.agpn.com.au/site/index.cfm?display=38797>. The RESET Your Life program which has been rolled out to all Divisions, has already been accredited. However, all new LMPs must be awarded accreditation before delivering services. For further information on the accreditation process, interested program providers can email [LMPaccreditation@health.gov.au](mailto:LMPaccreditation@health.gov.au). For information on the RESET Your Life program, contact Joanne Martin at the Horsham Office: 5381 1756

### **INTERGRATED MEDICARE EASYCLAIM SOLUTION**

The system incorporates Integrated Eftpos and Integrated Easyclaim for patient paid and bulk billed claims, and gap payments. Go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3WV7doCK7Q&fmt=18> to view a short clip demonstrating the Integrated Medicare Easyclaim with Pracsoft and Tyro EFTPOS terminal.

For further information contact Valerie Nguyen 02 8907 1748 or email [vnguyen@tyro.com](mailto:vnguyen@tyro.com)

### **MENTAL HEALTH SCRIPT PROGRAM — LOW INCOME EARNERS**

The MHS Program aims to provide access to local, high quality counselling for people who are on low incomes. As funding for the MHS program is limited, referring GPs are requested to exercise their discretion when making mental health referrals. GPs need to assess the appropriate pathway for patients. Patients who can afford to meet the Medicare gap payment should be referred using the Better Access to Mental Health pathway. This will ensure that the MHS Program funding is available to service the needs of patients who cannot otherwise afford counselling. For further information relating to referral pathways, contact Julie on 5381 1756.

### **PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES SHARED CARE PROTOCOLS**

All GPs in the Grampians Health Region would have received a copy of these protocols last week. The protocols were developed in conjunction with GP representatives from West Vic, Ballarat and Central Highlands Divisions of General Practice. These are intended to streamline the referral and joint management of patients by GPs and Psych. Services to improve the quality of service provision. West Vic Division will continue to work with Psych. Services to monitor service delivery against the protocols. If you have any instances where patient referral and management is not within timelines, please register these in through: <http://www.westvicdiv.asn.au/about/complimentsconcernsfeedback.htm> The Division is interested in your feedback.

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