

Mid Week Memo

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“Providing relevant updates for the information of GPs and their staff”

Dr Matthew Jones – Psychiatrist

Dr Matthew Jones will commence an additional psychiatry service, in conjunction with Dr. Kipling Walker, from Thursday 12th February, 2009. Dr Jones will travel from Sydney 1 day/month and referrals can be faxed to Peel Health Care on 6765 8262. For a fees schedule, bookings and any other questions please contact Peel Health Care on 6765 8288.

Inter-Facility Transfers of Hunter New England Health Paediatric Patients

HNEH has developed the above draft clinical practice guideline. It has already been circulated through Hunter New England Health and changes made according to suggestions received. Comments/suggested changes are now being sought from any interested GPs. If you would like a copy of the document for comment please complete the faxback to Trish, below.

Aged Care Access Initiative – Allied Health Component

The Aged Care Access Initiative (ACAI) – Allied Health Component provides payment for additional clinical care services by Allied Health Professionals to residents of Residential Aged Care Facilities, where these services are not covered by Medicare or other Government funding arrangements. Funds for the ACAI have been allocated by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) and the Division will be responsible for administering and monitoring the service provision for our area. If you would like further information on the ACAI, or would like a copy of the DoHA ACAI Program Guidelines, please contact Kristen at the Division on 6766 1394 or return the faxback, below.

Healthy Kids Check – Promotion to Parents/Carers

Attached is a letter from the Minister for Health and Ageing regarding the 4-year-old “Healthy Kids Check”. This will be sent to parents/carers of children between the ages of 2 – 5 years from 23 January to 6 February and will obviously have quite an impact on general practice. If you would like any further information on the Healthy Kids Check and the Division pilot program to integrate the StEPS Statewide eyesight preschooler screening program (StEPS), please contact Tanya Knee at the Division on 6766 1394. Tanya is available Mondays to Thursdays from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

NSW Vaccine Centre Deliveries Australia Day Long Weekend

The NSW Vaccine Centre has advised that due to the Australia Day long weekend, they will not be dispatching any orders on Friday 23rd January, which means there will be no deliveries on Tuesday 27th January.

Fax Back information

Fax Back to Trish/Kristen on 6766 1372

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, Please send me further information on the Aged Care Access Initiative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, Please send me a copy of the draft HNEH Clinical Practice Guideline on Inter-Facility Transfers of Hunter New England Health Paediatric Patients

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