

# Mid Week Memo

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## **Castlereagh Imaging : Contrast administration for patients with potential renal impairment**

The administration of IV contrast can impair renal function either temporarily or permanently in susceptible patients and Castlereagh Imaging are requesting your assistance in providing a copy of renal function tests for any at-risk patients referred for an exam requiring IV contrast (most CT exams). Further details are attached.

## **Older Men's Network Incorporated (OMNI) seeking guest speaker on men's health**

OMNI is conducting a public forum on older men's health on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2009, from 10:00am at the Christian Outreach Centre in Tamworth and is seeking a guest speaker on men's health. A short introduction together with participation in a discussion panel is proposed. If you have any interest in this, please contact Trish or complete the faxback below, for further information.

## **HNE Skills & Simulation Centre, Rural/Remote Practitioner Course**

Hunter New England Skills & Simulation Centre at John Hunter Hospital is holding a Rural/Remote Practitioner Course over two days: Tuesday and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009 or Tuesday and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2009. The course will include airway training and treatment of cardiac and medical emergencies and the simulation component will include realistic supported experience for participants in the management of life threatening, time critical, illness and injuries specific to rural or remote area health care practitioners. Cost is \$400 for the 2 days. For further information contact Cassandra Quigley on (02) 4985 5569 or email [Cassandra.Quigley@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Cassandra.Quigley@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au)

## **Spine 09 Conference – Lismore Private Hospital : Saturday 14 March 2009**

The new Lismore Private Hospital is hosting Spine 09- a meeting of prominent neurological speakers, including researcher Professor Nik Bogduk from the University of Newcastle who is an internationally renowned leader in the field of back pain management. Other key note speakers include Dr Matthew Scott Young who will address the neurosurgical advances in back disease, inflammatory diseases of the spine and the latest innovations in orthopaedic surgery. If you would like more information and a course programme, please contact Kristen at the Division or return the fax back below.

## **Opioid Treatment Accreditation Course – Free Online Workshop 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

The treatment of opioid dependence is a challenging endeavour and in order to equip medical practitioners to provide good quality clinical care to their patients who are opioid dependant, NSW Health offers training and accreditation in opioid treatment. The course involves the successful completion of a one day training workshop, followed by a half day clinical placement with an approved pharmacotherapy prescriber. This active learning module has been approved by the RACGP QA & CPD Program. If you would like more information on this course, please contact Kristen at the division or return the fax back below.

Fax Back information

**Fax Back to Kristen on 6766 1372**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, Please send me further information regarding the Spine 09 Conference at Lismore on 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2009
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, Please send me further information on the Opioid Treatment Accreditation Course
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, please contact me with regards to the OMNI Older Men's Health Forum

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