

Mid Week Memo

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

Advice regarding H1N1 Vaccinations

One of the discussion items at the recent H1N1 Planning Workshop conducted with HNEH was the potential loss of opportunistic H1N1 immunisation with the multi dose vials. Advice from HNEH is:

- Vaccinate any person at any time, the government doesn't mind and has built in a high level of wastage expected. The cost is small.
- The main point is vaccinate as many as we can, to raise herd immunity and protect the larger population.
- Medicare rebates are claimable for H1N1 vaccinations as the mass immunisation provisions do not apply here until the March review.

RHEF : Early Rheumatoid Arthritis: clinical Guideline for diagnosis and Management

The Rural Health Education Foundation is presenting this live simultaneous Satellite Television Broadcast and Webcast at 8:00 pm on Tuesday 9th March 2010. For further information, visit the Foundation's website : http://www.rhef.com.au/programs/program-1/?program_id=391

GP Interested in Tamworth

The Division has been approached by GrahWil International Recruitment Agency P/L to let us know that there is a GP interested in moving to Tamworth. This GP was trained in the Philippines and has previously been registered in Queensland. If you have any interest, please contact Wilma Munro on 0412 162284 or email Grahwil2@optusnet.com.au

Alison Cooper: Sleep Technician - Healthy Sleep Solutions

Alison currently holds regular Sleep Apnoea Clinics from the Tamworth rooms of Life Solutions North West and from 25th March 2010 will be commencing clinics from the **Quirindi** rooms of Life Solutions North West (138 George Street). Access to this service is by GP referral. For further information or to book an appointment please contact Life Solutions North West on 6766 2822 or 6746 1313.

Upcoming Education Events in Tamworth

GSK Event – **Thursday 25th February 2010** – “What’s Up Down There?” with Dr Catriona Ooi. Venue Gregory’s Restaurant, commencing 6.30pm - 7.00pm. Contact Shayne Ward 0407 400 179.

Pfizer Event – **Tuesday 2nd March 2010** – Surgical Valve Replacements and Heart Surgery - Latest Techniques with Dr Kumud Dhital and Dr Alex Levendel. Venue Quality Hotel Powerhouse, 6.30pm Registration, 7.00 Presentation. Contact Gavin Bell 0411 268 841

North West Slopes Division of General Practice Event - **Tuesday 9th March 2010** – Workers Compensation and Injury Management with Dr Daniel Diebold, Russell Webb (Workers Compensation), Todd Laing (Konekt) and Simon Tydd (Physiotherapist). Venue UNE Tamworth Centre, 6.20pm Registration, 6.50pm Presentation. Contact Kylie Reading at NWSGDP 02 6766 1394.

Please see our website www.nwsdgp.org.au for further information.