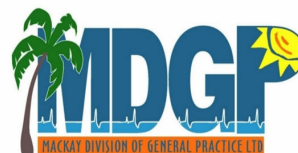


# QUALITY USE OF MEDICINES PHARMACY NEWSLETTER

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**WELCOME** to the Mackay Division of General Practice QUM Pharmacy Newsletter. This is a monthly newsletter to keep you all up to date with NPS and HMR news within the Mackay and Whitsunday area.

## **MAXIMISE THE BENEFITS OF HMR IN YOUR PHARMACY—HMR WORKSHOP IN MACKAY on Monday 25th May at the Clarion Hotel, Mackay Harbour!! COMPLIMENTARY 3 COURSE DINNER WITH REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!!**

The Pharmacy Guild (QLD Branch) is conducting information workshops in Mackay to discuss how to maximise the benefits of HMR in your pharmacy, by linking HMR to :

- Dose administration Aids
- Patient Medication Profiling or PMP
- Diabetes Medication Assistance Service (DMAS)

A reminder to RSVP if you have not already done so. This is also a great opportunity for networking, and to meet Keryn Smith (QLD MMR Facilitator), Roslyn Laspa and Joyce McSwan (Mackay MMR Facilitators). If you did not receive an invitation, please ring or email Joyce McSwan.

**We're in it together !! HMR PHARMACISTS SUPPORT GROUP:** This is a support/mentoring/discussion group for all accredited pharmacists and potential accredited pharmacists. Looking for **EXPRESSIONS of INTEREST**. See attached form and FAX back.

## **NEW HMR MEDICARE CLAIM FORMS**

There are some NEW (Yes, another revised one) HMR Medicare Claim and Cover Forms available through Medicare from the following site: <http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pbs/fourth-agreement/files/4123-claim-confirmation-home-medicines-review.pdf>

This NEW claim form is back to the more convenient 1 page format. Previous claim forms are still acceptable with no expiry for them currently given.

## **"TAKE THE TEST" HMR BROCHURES**

In the next week, I will be mailing or individually delivering to pharmacies the **TAKE THE TEST HMR Promotional brochures**. Please make them available to your customers to complete.

## **YOU'RE INVITED!!!**

Mackay Division of General Practice is hosting the **CENTRAL EAST QUEENSLAND SELF MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE** on **Saturday 20th June, 8.30am-5pm** at the CQ University, Mackay Campus.

This conference will:

- provide education opportunities,
- promote information exchange and
- increase networking in

self management theory and practice across the healthcare spectrum. Linking health professionals and consumers to optimum Chronic Condition Healthcare.

This will be a great opportunity for Pharmacists to network with local doctors, Division staff and consumers. For Registration Forms and Program, please see: <http://www.mackaydgp.com/selfManagement/index.htm>

## **NPS RADAR– Did you know???**

- Jurnista (Hydromorphone Prolonged Release) tablet have a non-dissolvable outer coating that may be visible in the patient's stool.
- The nasal formulation of desmopressin (Minirin) is more likely to cause hyponatraemia and seizures than oral formulations.
- To minimize risk of hyponatraemia in children, using desmopressin, limit drinking for 1 hr before and 8 hours after dosing.

Find out more in **NPS Radar, April and May 09 Issues**. [http://www.nps.org.au/health\\_professionals/publications/nps\\_radar](http://www.nps.org.au/health_professionals/publications/nps_radar)

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