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WELCOME to the June edition of the Mackay Division of General Practice QUM Pharmacy Newsletter. If you require any further information regarding QUM or Home Medicines Reviews then please contact me on **49534491** or by emailing me at: **jtolhurst@mackaydgp.com.au**

MMR TRAINING CALENDAR— If you are not already accredited to perform Home Medicine Reviews then why not expand your skills? Financial incentives are now provided once you have completed accreditation. You can learn more about accreditation from the AACP web-site. Below is a list of upcoming MMR stage 1 workshops and online training courses.

Details	Location	Start Date	End Date	Provider	Telephone
MMR Stage 1 Workshop	Brisbane	21 June 2008	22 June 2008	PSA (QLD)	07 3844 4900
MMR Stage 1 Workshop	Gold Coast	16 August 2007	17 August 2008	PSA (QLD)	07 3844 4900
MMR Stage 1 Training	Online	09 July 2008		Guild/Gold Cross	02 6270 1861
MMR Stage 1 Training	Online	10 September 2008		Guild/Gold Cross	02 6270 1861
MMR Stage 1 Training	Online	05 November 2008		Guild/Gold Cross	02 6270 1861
MMR Stage 1 Workshop	Sunshine Coast	08 November 2008	09 November 2008	PSA (QLD)	07 3844 4900

DRUG AND ALCOHOL AND MENTAL HEALTH COMORBIDITY WORKSHOP—A workshop is to be held on Amphetamines and Psychosis on the 29th of July at the Grand Mercure Mackay. The workshop is open to GPs, Practice Nurses, Pharmacists, Mental Health, ATODS and Allied Health Workers. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

HOW DO I MANAGE THE REMUNERATION FOR HMR?

There is NO recommended break up of the funding.

The interview with the patient takes about one hour, the funding is based on \$45-\$50 per hour.

There are two options for utilizing the services of an accredited pharmacist.

Option One: Employee Accredited Pharmacist

- Employee accredited pharmacists are on staff at the pharmacy and complete the HMR during their normal duties, therefore receiving their agreed hourly rate while completing the HMR.

The Pharmacy uses the remuneration to pay for the pharmacist time.

Option Two: Contract Accredited Pharmacist

Both parties need to seek the advice of their accountant

- The accredited pharmacist and the pharmacy owner discuss and decide then sign an agreement outlining responsibilities and remuneration for HMR services.

The contracted accredited pharmacist must have an ABN. ABN's can be applied for online at www.abr.gov.au/ or via an accountant.

- Details covered in the contract may include:

- Who is responsible for preparing necessary documentation for HMR e.g. referral form, dispensing history etc;
- Who organizes the interview and fills out the Pharmacy HMR Checklist;
- How much the accredited pharmacist will be paid;
- That the report will be delivered in a timely manner;
- Who will forward the report to the GP;

Workers compensation.

Sample AACP contract can be found at: <http://beta.guild.org.au/mmr/content.asp?id=415>

The contract accredited pharmacist will then issue an invoice to the pharmacy for HMR services completed. Ensure the invoice contains all necessary information.

The remuneration for HMR is \$180. The accredited pharmacist and the pharmacy owner can negotiate how this payment will be divided. Remember:

GST is not paid by Medicare Australia on HMR claims.

Whether a contract accredited pharmacist includes GST on their 'tax invoice' will depend on the nature of their ABN and advice from their accountant.

This article was prepared by Carlene Smith, NSW state facilitator of the QUM/MMR Facilitator Program.



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