

QUALITY USE OF MEDICINES PHARMACY NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME to the March 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 website. 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 Training	Online	05 May 2008		Guild/Gold Cross	02 6270 1861
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

EDUCATIONAL EVENT: JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF PAIN: 23 APRIL 2008—The division invites all pharmacists to an educational evening on the 23rd of April at the Shamrock Hotel focusing on pain control and quality use of medicines, including the role of MMR and DMMR. We have applied for PSA CPD points for the event. Please see the attached flyer or contact Jonathan at the division for further details.

SAFE MEDICATION PRACTICE UNIT FORUM: 19 MAY 2008— Safe Medication Practice Unit (SMPU) forum on 19 May at MDGP from 11am – 2pm. The forum will be conducted by Elaine Lum and Wendy Mackay. It will address issue around continuity of care for Mackay, hospital pharmacy, RACFs – medications for patients, what SMPU does and projects they can do offer as possible solutions to issues in our region and finally deciding one or two projects we can progress to address some issues. The forum is for relevant Qld Health staff, pharmacists, RACFs, GPs, Domiciliary nursing. It would be great to get representation from several community pharmacists. A flyer will be posted on the division website (www.mackaydgp.com/events.php) in the next week, or for further information please contact Mandy Lavarack at the division on 4953 4491.

NEW NPS EDUCATIONAL VISITING PROGRAM—The latest National Prescribing Service educational visiting program will begin in April and is focused on the early use of insulin and oral antidiabetic agents in type 2 diabetes. This program is very topical and fits in well with other current divisional programs. If you would like a visit to your pharmacy then please contact Jonathan at the division to arrange an appointment. I can also provide visits on the last program which focused on preventing osteoporosis and reducing fracture risk.

NEW MENTAL HEALTH NURSE—Carol Sinclair, Mental Health Nurse, has recently commenced practice at The Mackay Division of GP- Allied Health Services. Through referral from a clients GP or Psychiatrist, Carol can help your clients who have a serious Mental Health condition and are not medication compliant or are at risk of hospitalization or have already been in hospital and require further maintenance. Carol has extensive experience in Mental Health Care for all age groups. For more information contact your GP or Mary at the Division on 49534491.

To check out the what's going on at the division visit: www.mackaydgp.com/events.php

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PHARMACY ASSISTANT TRAINEESHIP SCHEME

— The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Assistant Traineeship Scheme aims to improve access to community pharmacy services by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

The Scheme is funded by the Australia Government under the Fourth Community Pharmacy Agreement and is administered by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia. The Scheme is aimed at supporting the pharmacy workforce, by encouraging Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to enter Pharmacy Assistant/Technician roles. The objectives of the Scheme are to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Assistants in Community Pharmacies and establish alternative pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to enter into pharmacy. Incentive allowances of \$10,000 are available to Community Pharmacies to employ and train an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Assistant Trainee. To be eligible pharmacies must be operating from a rural or remote location (PhARIA category 2-6). For further information please see the attached flyer or contact Kathy Knack, Training Manager at the Pharmacy Guild of Australia's QLD Branch on (07) 3831 3788.

HMR PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

— I have some HMR patient brochures which I can send out if you contact me at the division. The Pharmacy Guild of Australia have also asked me to remind you that they have "Request for referral for a home medicines review" pads and "home visit forms" which can be ordered from the Queensland branch for a small fee. Please contact Keryn Smith at the guild on 07 3831 3788.

VETERANS DOSE ADMINISTRATION AID PROGRAM

— The veterans DAA program was launched at the beginning of the month. The Dose Administration Aid (DAA) Service builds on DVA's Quality Use of Medicines programs, which include the Veterans' Medicines Advice and Therapeutics Education Services (Veterans' MATES) program, and aims to assist the veteran community to get the most out of their medicines and to reduce mismanagement of medicines.

The DAA Service provides veterans, war widows and other eligible DVA clients with regularly filled pillboxes and the ongoing coordinated care of their doctor and pharmacist. Suitable veterans are identified through a Home Medicines Review and then placed on a one-month trial where they are monitored regularly by their GP and pharmacist. After a successful trial, veterans take up the service for six months, all the while under the supervision of the GP and pharmacist, before their suitability is reassessed.

There is loads of information regarding the workings of this initiative on the DVA website. For the information relevant to pharmacy please visit <http://www.dva.gov.au/health/DAA/pharmacy.htm>

NPS RESOURCES FOR PHARMACISTS



AUSTRALIAN PRESCRIBER & NPS NEWS—Independent Peer reviewed medical publication mailed directly to health professionals.

National Prescribing Service Limited

RADAR—For timely information about new and revised listings to the pharmaceutical benefits schedule.

TAIS—The NPS Therapeutic Advice and Information Service, a nationally operated phone in service answering health professionals' questions on medicines; Phone 1300 138 677

NPS ONLINE CASE STUDIES—Case studies are accredited for 1 Pharmaceutical Society of Australia Continuing Professional Development & Practice Improvement (PSA CPD & PI) credit point.

PHARMACY PRACTICE AUDITS—Pharmacy practice audits are one of the education and quality assurance activities provided free of charge to pharmacists by NPS. Pharmacy practice audits are recognised as CPD activities by professional pharmacy bodies. Only current pharmacy practice audits quality as professional development activities. They are released twice a year. Enrolment forms are mailed directly to all pharmacists with their Prescribing Practice Review.

To subscribe to, or learn more about any of the above services please visit the NPS website: www.nps.org.au

HOME MEDICINES REVIEW

PHARMACY CENSUS

— Just to let you know I will be revisiting all pharmacies in the coming months to update contact information and gauge current interest and participation in Home Medicines Review service. I

will be happy to take on board any comments you have regarding the service or answer any questions you may have.



Home Medicines Review

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JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF PAIN

PRESENTED BY

Dr Sharon Roche - Director of Anaesthetics (Mackay Base Hospital)

Dr Tony Jenkins - Department of Anaesthetics (Mackay Base Hospital)

Dr Nicolae Cruceru - Department of Anaesthetics (Mackay Base Hospital)

Greg Kyle - Clinical Pharmacist (University of Queensland)

Join us as the Anaesthetics Department from the Mackay Base Hospital present on opioids, shingles and NSAIDS. In addition we will have clinical pharmacist Greg Kyle from the University of Queensland talking about opioid titration, switching and quality use of medicines. This workshop is open to all GPs, aged care staff and pharmacists. QA&CPD points have been applied for. For further details please visit our website at www.mackaydgp.com/events.php

Date: Wednesday 23rd April 2008

Time: 6:30pm Registration & Meal
Presentations begin 6.30pm

Venue: The Shamrock Hotel
Nebo Road, Mackay

WORKSHOP TOPICS

- Pain control
- Opioids
- Dose Titration and switching
- Shingles
- NSAIDs

To RSVP complete the section below and then fax this form back to Diana or Jonathan on 4953 4681 by Wednesday the 18th of April. Places are limited so apply early!

Names of Persons Attending:

Special Dietary Requirements:

Organisation & Contact Telephone Number or Email Address:
