

Welcome to the August edition of Alfred Health GP news

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Child and Youth Mental Health and Intellectual Disability – Expression of Interest for General Practitioners (GP)

Alfred Health's Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS) is rolling out a 4 year pilot program called the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Initiative for Youth (MHIDI-Y). MHIDI-Y is a specialist mental health service funded by the Mental Health Branch of the Department of Health and Human Services, for young people aged 12 – 25 with an intellectual disability.

MHIDI-Y is looking for GPs with an interest in or specialty experience working with young people with intellectual disability, and who would be happy to accept new referrals of clients 17-25 years of age. Our aim is to improve the transition of care from paediatric to adult community health services within this client group, and to increase rates of health screening for preventative and lifestyle health risk factors.

If you would like to be on our referral list or you would like more information about our Health Screening Initiative, please contact our team's nurse Annie Nguyen via email at annie.nguyen@alfred.org.au or call 0418 794 650 (Wednesday-Friday) or (03) 8552 0555 (all other weekdays).

Social Prescription Seminar

Social prescribing is where health professionals refer patients to support in the community, in order to improve their health and wellbeing.

GPs and practice staff are invited to attend the **Social Prescription Seminar on Thursday, 12th September 6.30-8.30pm at Brighton Town Hall**, to hear from Prof Katherine Boydell (Black Dog Institute) and a panel of experts as they discuss social prescribing and its importance in improving health outcomes, facilitated by Maxine McKew. Highett Neighbourhood Community House, Castlefield Community Centre, Hampton Community Centre, Bayside City Council, Sandybeach Centre and Neighbourhood Houses Victoria are partners in the event.

For further information and to register, go to [Eventbrite](#).

Iron infusions

Please note that iron transfusions can be arranged by **faxing a referral directly to 9076 5013** (phone referral is not required however if you wish to speak with someone you may call 0428 626 183). Please ensure that the **Hb, iron studies and the patient's weight** is included in your referral.

GPs are invited to attend Grand Rounds at The Alfred

The Alfred Hospital Grand Round is the premier weekly event on campus where physicians, surgeons, radiologists, pathologists, anaesthetists, researchers, Alfred Health registrars and other trainees enjoy a convivial and educational atmosphere with a broad cross-section of their colleagues. GPs are warmly invited to attend.

The Alfred Grand Rounds are held **each Thursday in the AMREP seminar room, from 12.30 – 1.30pm**. Lunch is provided from 12pm. Each session begins with a 5-minute clinical vignette for discussion, followed by the main presentation of 45 minutes' duration, with time for questions.

The program includes speakers from most disciplines, including medicine, surgery, anaesthesia, trauma and the on-site research institutes.

Upcoming Grand Rounds are:

Thursday 8 th August	Vascular Surgery – Mr Geoff Cox
Thursday 15 th August	Sexual Health – Kit Fairley
Thursday 22 nd August	Baker Institute – Tom Marwick
Thursday 29 th August	Trauma – Prof Mark Fitzgerald

Please note, the scheduled topics for the Grand Rounds may change.

For further information or to receive details of each week's Grand Round by email, please contact Priyanka Chahal on 9903 0198, or email P.Chahal@alfred.org.au.

GP Liaison Service at Alfred Health – we're here to help!



Our GP Liaison team –Tracey O'Connell (GP Liaison), Amelia Matlock (eReferral Lead), Dr Josie Samers (GP Consultant) and Lucy Bassett (VICM Project Manager) – are here to assist you in navigating Alfred Health. Whether it's a missing discharge summary, assistance with getting an outpatient appointment or suggestions on how we can do things better, we are here to help. Our office is attended from Monday to Friday; phone 9076 2620 or email us gp.liaison@alfred.org.au.

We welcome your suggestions and feedback.

If you do not wish to receive this newsletter please email us at gp.liaison@alfred.org.au.