

Alfred Health GP News

**Welcome to the June edition
of Alfred Health GP news.**

Contact us for any queries on
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Integrated care community of practice events



A series of free events are being held across the Alfred Health catchment area which are open to all health and social providers including general practice, council services, community services, community health, hospitals, social services, social groups, exercise groups, home services, community pharmacies etc. Breakfast will be provided at the morning session and light refreshments at all others. All regions will have similar events, a panel discussing the PACER program with providers from Victoria Police and local health services.

The aim of these events is to bring together clinicians and providers of health and social services with a view to further increase service awareness and networking connections to facilitate the provision of wraparound services to vulnerable citizens in our shared community.

Don't just take our word for it:

"It was wonderful to attend the inaugural I.C.C.O.P., as a nurse from a GP Practice within Glen Eira. I look forward to better understanding the role of the many services available to our local clients, giving them better outcomes, especially as they leave hospital. It will be great to increase communication between all providers of care, patients and their GP Practices. Look forward to seeing you all next time. A great initiative! Thank you"- Sarah, East Bentleigh Medical Group

There is no cost to attend, but please register via the try booking link (also included in the attached flyers) so we have accurate numbers for catering:

[Bayside and Glen Eira](#) Tuesday 18th June, 18:00-20:00

[Kingston](#) Wednesday 26th June 07:00- 08:30

Looking forward to seeing you there!

The South Eastern Cardiac Services Partnership – supporting GPs to care for cardiac patients

What challenges do you experience caring for patients with cardiac conditions?

What support do you need from specialist cardiac services?

The South Eastern Cardiac Services Partnership has been established to support General Practice to deliver Primary Care in the community, and manage Heart Failure and Arrhythmia.

The South Eastern Cardiac Services Partnership (including Monash Health, Alfred Health, Peninsula Health and all health services in Gippsland) was established to carry out the Cardiac Plan for South Eastern Victoria.

The Cardiac Plan was released in 2016, and provides a clear picture of the future of the statewide cardiac care system and ongoing reform to ensure people with heart disease achieve the best possible outcomes, in a health system that is efficient and of high quality.

We want to hear from you! By completing this [survey](#), you will help us understand and develop strategies to address:

- Barriers to specialist care
- Education and support requirements
- Opportunities for improvement

The survey closes on June 28, 2019.

For further information please contact Julie Smith, Project Manager on 0439 827 132 or email julie.smith@alfred.org.au.

Alfred Health is now a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) service provider

Alfred Health staff are able to assist potentially eligible patients who are leaving hospital or rehabilitation and will need permanent, long-term support to access services through the NDIS. This includes assisting patients with eligibility, registration and early planning. Alfred Health is also an NDIS service provider for a number of NDIS services including:

- **Prosthetics**
- **Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation**
- **Occupational Therapy Driving Assessments**

For further information, contact Social Work on 9076 3026, or Occupational Therapy on 9076 3526.

The Alfred Lung Health Promotion Centre courses

The Alfred Lung Health Promotion Centre are hosting a number of courses over the next few months for health professionals from all areas of practice wanting to increase their knowledge and gain skills in the current management of patients with respiratory illness.

- [Influencing Behaviour Change in Chronic Conditions](#) 13-14 June (two day course)
- [COPD – From Diagnosis to Management](#) 27 and 28 June (two day course)

For further information on these courses, including dates, course outline and how to book, please see the individual flyers attached with this email.

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 13 th June	Sleep Medicine - The Alfred’s journey over 50 years. Presented by Prof Matthew Norton.
Thursday 20 th June	Intensive Care Unit – Steve McGloughlin
Thursday 27 th June	Monash School of Public Health and Preventative Medicine – Sophia Zoungas
Thursday 4 th July	Emergency and Trauma Centre – De Villiers Smit

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.