

Alfred Health GP News

Welcome to the September edition of Alfred Health GP news.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Contact us for any queries

on 9076 2620, or email us at gp.liaison@alfred.org.au.

GP and practice nurse education – tell us what you think!

Alfred Health has a range of enthusiastic specialists keen to link with GPs and practice nurses in our local area, and we aim to provide ongoing training and support relevant to your practice in the most effective and convenient way. We are looking at how best to provide education to GPs and practice nurses, and would greatly appreciate your feedback via a very short survey of what education interests you most and what format this might take. Suggestions for topics for ongoing education are very welcome. To provide your feedback, please visit the Survey Monkey link [here](#).

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 15 th September 12.30-1.30pm AMREP Seminar Room, The Alfred	Stress and Mental Ill-Health in healthcare providers – Dr Donovan Moncur (Acting Head, Liaison & Emergency Psychiatry)
Thursday 22 nd September	Burnet Institute
Thursday 29 th September	Dermatology
Thursday 6 th October	Monash Partners
Thursday 13 th October	Neurosurgery

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

Spleen Australia and The Spleen Registry



Spleen Australia

Asplenic patients and those who have hyposplenism have a lifelong increased risk of severe bacterial infection, most commonly pneumococcus, meningococcus and Haemophilus influenzae type B. Spleen Australia aims to prevent serious infections in asplenic and hyposplenic people by raising awareness and educating patients, their families and health professionals.

All patients with asplenic and hyposplenism are encouraged to register with Spleen Australia, who then provide information about optimal timing of vaccine administration, the role of antibiotics and how to stay healthy. All registered people receive an education kit which contains information on how to reduce the risk of infections, plus vaccine and alert cards and an annual newsletter. The free Spleen-ie App is available for iPhone and iPad users, providing registered patients with immunization records and booster reminders.

For further information and to register with Spleen Australia, visit their website [here](#).

Travel Clinic at The Alfred

Alfred Travel Medicine Clinic is a specialised clinic that provides expert travel health advice and information for travellers. Led by Dr Sarah McGuinness, an infectious diseases specialist, the clinic provides comprehensive travel consultations tailored to the individual, and is accredited to provide yellow fever vaccination and other vaccinations.

The clinic can accommodate a range of travellers, including travellers with complex underlying medical issues (such as immunodeficiency) and people travelling for a range of purposes including business, leisure, overseas aid work, volunteer work and overseas postings.

The clinic is held Wednesdays 4:30pm – 7pm at The Alfred. For further information, please visit the website [here](#), or phone 9076 2940 and fax referrals to 9076 6528.

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

Our GP Liaison team – Dr Josie Samers and Tracey O'Connell – 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 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays; phone 9076 2620 or email us gp.liaison@alfred.org.au.

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