

Alfred Health GP News

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

Contact us for any queries on
9076 2620, or email us at gp.liaison@alfred.org.au

Nuclear Medicine services at The Alfred

The [Department of Nuclear Medicine and PET](#) at The Alfred provides a wide range of nuclear medicine diagnostic and therapeutic services to address common problems encountered in general practice. This includes:

- **Stress myocardial perfusion scans** - for detecting cardiac ischaemia and investigating chest pain with comparatively low radiation dose using a dedicated state of the art solid state cardiac camera;
- **Bone scans** - for fractures, metastases, osteomyelitis and/or active degenerative/arthritis change;
- **HIDA scans** (with or without gallbladder stimulation) - for detecting gallbladder dysfunction or acute cholecystitis respectively

The patients you refer to Nuclear Medicine can also expect:

- **Free parking**
- **Bulk billing** with no out of pocket cost to patients
- **Short appointment waiting time**
- **Short result turn-around time**
- **Modern scanners** which can perform both conventional and advanced nuclear medicine imaging techniques including **SPECT/CT**
- **Electronically delivery** of reports and images via **HealthLink** and **Intelerad**, respectively, or via fax if referred
- Dedicated staff to resolve any difficulties with receiving reports or images: our **Radiology Liaison Officer** can be contacted on 9076 0251.

For any clinical queries relating to scans, GPs are very welcome to contact the daily rostered Alfred Nuclear Medicine Specialist on 9076 2432.

Booking and general queries can also be made by phone on 9076 2432 or by fax 9076 2599.

Alfred Health is committed to providing a high quality Nuclear medicine service, ensuring patients receive early appointments, are scanned professionally and referring doctors receive reports promptly.

Caulfield's diabetes service improving access to health care for adults with type 2 diabetes

Since August 2017 [Caulfield Community Health Service \(CCHS\)](#) has been piloting a new service to help adults manage and live well with type 2 diabetes.

The SEMPHN funded service has been boosting access within the community to a diabetes nurse educator (DNE), dietitian and an exercise physiologist. Approximately 90% of those attending have not had prior engagement with a community-based diabetes nurse educator, dietitian or an exercise physiologist for diabetes management.

Local GPs are recognising the value of the service evidenced by 1 in 6 referrals currently being received directly from GPs. Attendees are highly satisfied with the service with 100% reporting being either extremely or highly likely to recommend the service to family and friends.

Referrals to the CCHS Type 2 Diabetes Service can be faxed to Caulfield Access on 9076 6733.

Patients can also self-refer by calling Caulfield Access on 9076 6776.

[Click here](#) to download the service information brochure.

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 12 th April, 2018	Why people who are homeless present to a hospital emergency department and how they and their care differs - Associate Professor Simon Starface
Thursday 19 th April	Haemostasis and thrombosis
Thursday 26 th April	General Medicine
Thursday 3 rd May	Respiratory Medicine

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 – Dr Josie Samers, Tracey O'Connell and Amelia Matlock – 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. We welcome your suggestions and feedback.

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