

Alfred Health GP News

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

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Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is now readily available through the PBS, and GPs are able to prescribe PrEP. The [Victorian PrEP Service](#) at The Alfred provides clinics, information and advice, and support for GPs in accessing PrEP in the community.

North West Melbourne PHN are holding an education event – **PrEP and HIV Essentials for Primary Care** - for GPs, practice nurses and practice managers. This informative and interactive training will aim to improve the confidence of GPs to effectively identify populations suitable for the use of PrEP and to confidently prescribe as a strategy for the prevention of HIV transmission. There will be 4 Category 2 RACGP points attached to this session.

The session will be held on **Thursday 2nd May 7-9pm** at Monash University Caulfield campus, Caulfield East, with a light dinner and registration commencing at 6:30pm.

Registrations are essential and close Monday 29th April, to register please [click here](#).

For more information contact VHHITAL@nwmpnhn.org.au or call (03) 9347 1188.

Hepatitis B and HIV Section 100 Prescriber Accreditation Courses

The Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning Program (VHHITAL) facilitates the Victorian Accreditation program for GPs to become accredited Section 100 Prescribers for both Hepatitis B and HIV. VHHITAL are running three weekend sessions in the coming months - two HBV s100 courses (one-day duration) and one HIV s100 Course (two days' duration), held at the North Western Melbourne PHN in Parkville. These nationally recognised courses are accredited for 40 RACGP CAT 1 points. The courses are funded by the DHHS for Victorian based GPs to attend free of charge.

HBV s100 Prescriber Accreditation Courses: Two dates are available:

[Sunday 28th April](#) 8:30 – 5:00pm.

[Sunday 19th May](#) 8:30 – 5:00pm - in partnership with the Chinese Health Promotion Coalition, this session will be the standard course with some additional focus on Chinese heritage populations.

Facilitators include A/Prof Ben Cowie at both courses.

HIV s100 Prescriber Accreditation Course

[Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June](#) 2019. 8:30 – 5:00pm both days. Facilitators include Dr Olga Vujovic, Prof Jenny Hoy, Dr Matt Penn and Dr Mark O’Reilly. This course includes pre and post course work.

For more information, you are welcome to contact Allison Burgess – Acting Manager of the VHHITAL Program by email VHHITAL@nwmphn.org.au or phone 03 9347 1188.

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.



Health Minister Jill Hennessy and A/Prof Joseph Matthew at the Inaugural Victorian Trauma Grand Round in 2017

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 11 th April	“Graves’ Ophthalmopathy / Thyroid Eye Disease: An Update” by Prof Duncan Topliss
Thursday 18 th April	Psychiatry by A/Prof Simon Stafrace
Thursday 2 nd May	Haemostasis/Thrombosis by Dr Huyen Tran
Thursday 9 th May	Aged Care/Rehabilitation by A/Prof Peter Hunter

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.

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