

Alfred Health GP News

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

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

Integrated care community of practice events

GPs and practice staff from the Stonnington/Port Phillip, Bayside/Glen Eira and Kingston areas are warmly invited to attend any of three events which aim to bring together general practice, community health services, hospitals, council services, allied health services, community pharmacies, social services, social groups and others with a view to improving awareness and connectivity between local services.

The events will include a powerful patient story and will enable unique perspectives from various sectors. This will involve a facilitated discussion and provide an opportunity to network and share ideas for patient centred care in the region.

There is no cost to attend but please register via the relevant link below for catering purposes – refreshments will be provided.

For further information see flyers attached with email or please contact Lucy Bassett on 9076 2620 or email info@adma.org.au.

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| Stonnington/Port Phillip 1st March 2019 7-8.30am (breakfast provided) | The Vincent 107-111 Victoria Ave, Albert Park. | Register at: https://www.trybooking.com/ZNST |
| Glen Eira/ Bayside 6th March 2019 6-8pm | Caulfield RSL 4 St Georges Road, Elsternwick. | Register at: https://www.trybooking.com/ZNTB |
| Kingston (in conjunction with Monash Health) 20th March 2019 6-8pm | The Bay Mordialloc 2 Centreway, Mordialloc | Register at: https://www.trybooking.com/ZNTI |

The Alfred Allergy Symposium 2019

The Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology Service at The Alfred is the largest adult service of its kind in Australia, accepting referrals from across Victoria. The service is holding an Allergy Symposium for General Practitioners and General Physicians who manage patients with allergic conditions on **Saturday 23rd March 2019** from 8.30am – 4pm, at the AMREP Education Centre, Alfred Hospital, Melbourne. The day will take the form of a workshop with a major focus on interactive case discussions of important allergic presentations, developed with GP input.

Topics include upper airway allergy, asthma, drug allergy, food allergy, paediatric allergy, anaphylaxis & venom allergy, allergic skin conditions, occupational & environmental allergy.



A/Prof Mark
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Dr Eve
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Dr Ryan Hoy

Dr Joy Lee

Dr Sam Mehr

Dr Rob Puy

Dr Celia
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The symposium will be convened by Associate Professor Mark Hew and Dr Eve Denton, with presentations by Dr Julian Bosco, Dr Ryan Hoy, Dr Sam Mehr, Dr Joy Lee, Dr Celia Zubrinich, and Dr Rob Puy.

Registration is \$132, and includes morning tea, lunch and course booklet.

The RACGP has accredited 40 category one points to the course. To qualify for the points, participants must complete the predisposing and reinforcing activities and the feedback form. Details of these will be sent upon registration.

To register and for further information go to <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=453924>

Relocation of outpatient clinics

Due to pipe works being undertaken at The Alfred Centre, some outpatient clinics at The Alfred will be relocating between December 21st and April 2019. Patients will be guided to the location of their appointment when they arrive at The Alfred, but outpatient services will otherwise be continuing as usual.

Geriatrics Clinic Telehealth Service

Do you have patients who find it hard to attend Geriatrician appointments at Caulfield Hospital?

Geriatricians from Caulfield Hospital are using telehealth to improve access to specialist care for frail older adults living in Aged Care Facilities.

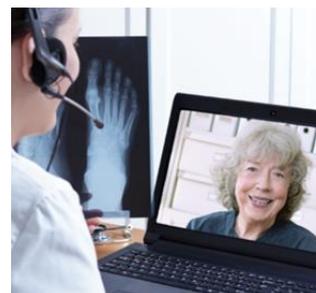
The Geriatrics Clinic Telehealth Service includes:

- A comprehensive face to face assessment in person at the facility or Caulfield Hospital
- A detailed holistic plan addressing patient problems
- Telehealth review appointments with patients, their families, GPs and care providers

Telehealth appointments are just like any other outpatient appointment, but patients/residents speak to their specialist via a video call, using a computer or device in a virtual consultation room. GPs, Practice Nurses and Aged Care Facility staff are encouraged to participate and support consultations (MBS Telehealth Item numbers are available for GPs.)

Benefits of telehealth include:

- Saves travel time and expenses
- Avoids missed appointments due to mobility and/or transport problems
- Allows collaboration between care providers
- Facilitates timely coordinated care for patients/residents



To refer, fax a referral to the Geriatrics Clinic: 9076 6435. If a comprehensive geriatric assessment is required, please state on the referral. All consults with Geriatricians are bulk billed. There is no cost to patients. For referral enquiries, please call 9076 6800.

For enquiries regarding telehealth, contact Helen Mertin, Project Officer Ph: 9076 6424 (Mon, Tues, Thurs) E: h.mertin@alfred.org.au.

The Geriatrics Clinic Telehealth Service is supported by funding from the Victorian Government.

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:

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| Thursday 14 February | Learning from Clinical Review: Improving Inpatient Stroke Recognition by Prof Geoff Cloud and Dr Jason Bloom |
| Thursday 21 st February | Respiratory - Dr Mark Elliott, ST James's University Hospital, Leeds, UK by Dr Matthew Naughton |
| Thursday 28th February | Legal Counsel by David Ruschena |
| Thursday 7th March | Neurosurgery by Dr Martin Hunn |

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.