

Alfred Health GP News

Welcome to the March edition of Alfred Health GP news.

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Integrated Care Community of Practice Events

As part of the Victorian Integrated Care Model Project, we have now held three very successful community of practice events for the Bayside/Glen Eira and Stonington areas. These events have brought together a diverse range of colleagues from across community services and primary care, including general practice, community health services, hospitals, council services, allied health services, community pharmacies, social services, social groups and the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services. The events aim to improve awareness and connectivity between local services, and have focussed on aged care, mental health, caring for carers and challenges in managing patients with complex needs. GPs and practice nurses have found the events very valuable, providing useful information and an opportunity to meet with their general practice colleagues and other service providers in their community.

GPs and practice staff are warmly invited to attend the upcoming event in the Kingston area, being held in conjunction with Monash Health on **Wednesday 20th March from 6-8pm** at The Bay, Moordialloc. There is no cost to attend but please register [here](#) for catering purposes – refreshments will be provided.

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

Balance Disorders Clinic

The newly established Balance Disorders Clinic provides a service for management of patients with acute and chronic vestibular problems (dizziness and imbalance), such as benign positional vertigo, acute vestibular syndrome, Meniere's disease, vestibular migraine, vestibular schwannomas, superior semicircular canal dehiscence, bilateral vestibulopathy and cerebellar disease.

Portable video-oculography, which allows rapid assessment of vestibular function, is performed in the clinic first, before referring to the Oto-neurology Diagnostic Unit for formal hearing and balance testing.



The clinic is held every Tuesday afternoon at The Alfred Centre alongside the ENT clinic, and is staffed by consultant Neurologist and Neuro-otologist Dr Luke Chen (pictured.) Please fax your referral to (03) 9076 6938. For queries please phone to The Alfred Specialist Clinics on (03) 9076 2025.

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
Hew**

**Dr Eve
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**Dr Julian
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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.

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 14 th March	Cells instead of chemotherapy: Using T-cells to treat blood cancer by Dr Shaun Fleming
Thursday 21 st March	Rheumatology by Prof Flavia Cicuttini
Thursday 28 th March	Stroke by Prof Geoff Cloud
Thursday 4 th April	Heart failure and Transplant by Dr Peter Bergin

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.