

Alfred Health GP News

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

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

Integrated care community of practice events



A series of free events are being held across the Alfred Health catchment area which are open to all health and social providers including general practice, council services, community services, community health, hospitals, social services, social groups, exercise groups, home services, community pharmacies etc. Breakfast will be provided at the morning session and light refreshments at all others. All regions will have similar events, a panel discussing the PACER program with providers from Victoria Police and local health services.

The aim of these events is to bring together clinicians and providers of health and social services with a view to further increase service awareness and networking connections to facilitate the provision of wraparound services to vulnerable citizens in our shared community.

Don't just take our word for it:

"It was wonderful to attend the inaugural I.C.C.O.P., as a nurse from a GP Practice within Glen Eira. I look forward to better understanding the role of the many services available to our local clients, giving them better outcomes, especially as they leave hospital. It will be great to increase communication between all providers of care, patients and their GP Practices. Look forward to seeing you all next time. A great initiative! Thank you"- Sarah, East Bentleigh Medical Group

There is no cost to attend, but please register via the try booking link (also included in the attached flyers) so we have accurate numbers for catering:

[Stonnington and Port Phillip](#) Thursday 23rd May, 07:00-08:30 am

[Bayside and Glen Eira](#) Tuesday 18th June, 18:00-20:00

[Kingston](#) Wednesday 26th June 07:00- 08:30

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Caulfield visiting Geriatrician service to Residential Aged Care Facilities

Do you have patients living in Aged Care Facilities? The Caulfield Hospital Geriatric Medicine Clinic offers a visiting Geriatrician service for frail older adults living in Aged Care Facilities.

Please see attached flyer for services provided and when to refer.

Cost: FREE! All Geriatrician consults are bulk billed.

How to refer: A GP referral is required.
If a Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment is needed, please state on the referral.

Fax GP referrals: 9076 6435

Referral enquiries: 9076 6800



Advance Care Planning week: A time to talk about what matters most

National Advance Care Planning Week is an annual initiative by Advance Care Planning Australia that encourages all Australians, regardless of their age or health status, to make their future health care preferences known.

The Alfred Health ACP team were on the ground talking to patients and staff about the importance of starting these conversations early and sharing our values with the people in our lives.

The Alfred Health ACP program offers free appointments to people that live in the cities of Bayside, Glen Eira, Port Phillip and Stonnington (or patients of Alfred Health).

If your patients would like more information, encourage them to attend the next community information session:

When: Tuesday 28th of May

Time: 2.30 – 4pm

Where: Caulfield Hospital, 260 Kooyong Road, Caulfield

RSVP: phone 9076 6642

The Alfred Lung Health Promotion Centre courses

The Alfred Lung Health Promotion Centre are hosting a number of courses over the next few months for health professionals from all areas of practice wanting to increase their knowledge and gain skills in the current management of patients with respiratory illness.

- [COPD – From Diagnosis to Management](#) 27 and 28 June (two day course)
- [Respiratory Course](#) 27-30 May (four day, two module course)
- [Influencing Behaviour Change in Chronic Conditions](#) 13-14 June (two day course)

For further information on these courses, including dates, course outline and how to book, please see the individual flyers attached with this email.

South Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network GP Symposium

Are you a South Eastern Melbourne general practitioner looking to enhance your knowledge and skills when it comes to treating patients with Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) issues?

Learn from experts and GPs in the field, gain valuable skills and new information about legislation changes, and have your questions answered.

Join us, and your GP colleagues, for our special GP symposium – **Alcohol and other drugs, let's talk about it.**

Learning Outcomes

- Identify behaviours and characteristics of patients with, or at risk of developing issues with alcohol or substance use.
- Use appropriate screening and assessment tools to identify patients engaged in, or at risk of engaging in, medication, alcohol or substance misuse.
- Develop strategies to appropriately manage challenging conversations related to alcohol and substance use/misuse
- Identify AOD services and referral pathways in the SEM-PHN catchment

Date: Saturday 25th May, 9am-3pm

Venue: Bunjil Place, 2 Patrick Drive, Narre Warren

Cost: Free

RSVP by 20th May, [register here](#)

See flyer attached for further information.

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:

[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.

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 16 th May	The Multiple Sclerosis clinic of the future: Let the patients do the work! by A/Prof Anneke van der Walt & Dr Helmut Butzkueven
Thursday 23 rd May	Palliative Care – Michelle Gold
Thursday 30 th May	General Medicine – Harvey Newnham
Thursday 6 th June	Infectious Diseases – Anton Peleg

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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