

Alfred Health GP News

**Welcome to the November 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 event - Wednesday 14th November



GPs and practice staff from the Bayside and Glen Eira areas are warmly invited to attend the upcoming Integrated Care Community of Practice, being held in collaboration with Alfred Health, the Victorian Department of Health, the Australian Disease Management Association, SEMPHN and the Southern Melbourne Primary Care Partnership.

The event aims 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 evening 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.

The evening will be held on Wednesday 14th November from 6-7:30pm at Elsternwick RSL.

There is no cost to attend but please register [here](#) for catering purposes – refreshments will be provided.

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

Changes to Alfred Health Discharge Summaries

Alfred Health is updating its clinical information system which means all patients will have an electronic medical record instead of a paper one. Alfred Health will continue to provide discharge summaries to GPs and other external health providers; however, you may notice a change in the way they are presented and formatted.

We look forward to utilising our clinical information system to make it easier to communicate electronically with our patients, their specialists and GPs. If you have any questions or concerns regarding discharge summaries, please contact the Alfred Health GP Liaison team at gp.liaison@alfred.org.au or on 9076 2620.

New Echo Service at Sandringham Hospital



The Alfred Heart Centre has commenced an Outpatient transthoracic echocardiogram service at Sandringham Hospital. Angela is one of the first patients to have an echocardiogram at Sandringham Hospital, since the service expanded from The Alfred.

The service was created due to high demand for appointments at The Alfred. Head of Echocardiography Dr Angeline Leet said 15 per cent of patients were already travelling across from the Bayside area, so it made sense to move the service closer to them. "Having this service makes life a lot easier for patients by cutting costs and travel time, so we're really happy to be able to offer it at Sandringham." The service currently has short waiting times to appointments.

The service at Sandringham Hospital currently operates two days each week; however, the team hopes to extend on that in the near future. Angeline also hopes to expand the offering to include stress echocardiograms.

Referrals can be made using the Heart Centre referral form – please specify "For Sandringham" within the clinical notes section of your request.

For bookings and enquiries, please call 9076 2369, or fax your referral to 9076 2461.

Youth Mental Health - Expression of Interest (EOI) for GPs



The headspace Youth Early Psychosis Program is conducting a project for GPs around understanding how comfortable and confident GPs are with managing young people experiencing mental health issues. This is your opportunity to have a say and help shape how resources and training are developed to support you in your practice. If you are interested in participating in a focus group, we would love to hear from you!

Focus groups will be held:

Monday 26th November 5-7pm (light dinner provided) RSVP 19/11/18

or

Wednesday 5th December 8-10am (breakfast provided) RSVP 26/11/18

Please RSVP if you are interested in attending to M.Kehoe@alfred.org.au

If you are interested but can't make the focus group dates, or have any queries regarding the project, please contact Michelle Kehoe M.Kehoe@alfred.org.au / 03 9076 9418 to discuss an alternative option.

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 8th November	Cases from Clinical Review
Thursday 15th November	Cardiology General by Dr Stephen Duffy
Thursday 22nd November	No meeting

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, Amelia Matlock, Dr Josie Samers and Lucy Bassett – 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.