

## Alfred Health GP News

Welcome to the September edition  
of Alfred Health GP news.

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9076 2620, or email us at [gp.liaison@alfred.org.au](mailto:gp.liaison@alfred.org.au)

### The Alfred Pain Symposium – Opioids Friends or Foe

The Department of Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine at Alfred Health are holding a GP symposium “*Opioids Friends or Foe: Updates on the clinical conundrum*” on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October from 8am-4:00pm**. The symposium will be held at Monash University Central Clinical School, The Alfred Centre.

40 Category 1 CME points have been approved for this event by the RACGP. Morning tea and lunch provided.

For further details and to register please follow link <https://painmedicine.org.au/>

### Advance Care Planning sessions

The Alfred Health Advance Care Planning team are happy to provide ‘in-practice’ education sessions for GPs and practice nurses.

These sessions are free of charge, please find details below.



**Planning ahead for your patients future healthcare and the changes as a result of the Medical Treatment Planning and Decisions Act 2016****Main learning objectives are:**

- Overview of Advance Care Planning
- Summary of changes to the Medical Treatment Planning and Decisions Act.
- Facilitating Advance Care Planning
- Overview of Alfred Health Advance Care Planning service, ways to refer to the service and the processes followed at Alfred Health

**Audience:**

General Practice staff, including GPs, nurses, admin, allied health professionals.

**Presented by:**

Alfred Health Advance Care Planning Clinicians

**If you would like one of these sessions to be organised for your practice please email**

[advancecareplanning@alfred.org.au](mailto:advancecareplanning@alfred.org.au) or call ph.(03) 9076 6642.

**Alfred Health Heads of Units**

For your information please find attached with this email, or via the link below, a current list of the Heads of Units for Alfred Health.

<https://www.alfredhealth.org.au/contents/resources/heads-of-units.pdf>

**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 6 <sup>th</sup> September  | ICU – Dr Steve McGloughlin                                       |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September | General Medicine – A/Prof Harvey Newnham                         |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September | Psychiatry – A/Prof Simon Stafrace                               |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September | Addiction Medicine – Dr Benny Monheit                            |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October    | Respiratory Medicine – Prof Robyn O’Hehir & Prof Trevor Williams |

**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](mailto: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](mailto:gp.liaison@alfred.org.au). We welcome your suggestions and feedback.

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