

## Alfred Health GP News

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

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### **GPs Matter Survey**

Many thanks to those who have already completed our GPs Matter survey, this is your last chance to have your say.

Alfred Health is committed to improving communication with GPs. Your feedback is key in assisting us in improving access to our services and systems to support patient care. GP feedback has been essential in developing better discharge communication, establishing GP education outreach and improved access to outpatients. **We would greatly appreciate your opinions and feedback by completing the survey either via the online link below or by faxing the attached hard copy survey to fax 9076 2305.**

You may open the survey in your web browser by clicking the link below:

[Alfred Health - GPs Matter Survey](#)

*Alfred Health gratefully acknowledges the assistance of Eastern Health GP Liaison in the development of the survey.*

### **Free event – Connecting the Dots by Prof Geoffrey Cloud**

GPs are welcome to attend the free upcoming **Alfred Health Multidisciplinary Stroke Treatment seminar on Friday 6th July 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**. To be held AMREP Lecture Theatre, 55 Commercial Rd, Prahran.

A whole day of high quality education related to all aspects of stroke care and for any healthcare professional working with those affected by stroke. The day will be divided into 30 minute interactive sessions led by experts in stroke care from within Alfred Health and beyond. Topics include non-invasive physiological monitoring in acute stroke care, neurosurgery in stroke, the Melbourne Mobile Stroke Unit, Managing post stroke spasticity, dysphagia after stroke, nutrition in stroke, sensory rehabilitation after stroke and an update on The Australian Stroke Care Registry.

For those wishing to attend this seminar please register via the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/multidisciplinary-alfred-health-stroke-treatment-seminar-tickets-45467174543>

## Caulfield Epilepsy Clinic



The Caulfield Epilepsy clinic is an outpatient service that offers comprehensive management for people with epilepsy. It is a multidisciplinary service comprising of Neurology Consultants Professor Terence O'Brien, Dr. Mark King, Dr. Sandra Petty and Dr. Anita Vinton, Epilepsy fellow's, neuropsychiatry and an Epilepsy nurse consultant.

The clinic is held on Wednesday afternoons in the main block, level 1 of Caulfield Hospital.

Investigations are able to be ordered during appointments and completed at the Alfred Hospital. These include; EEG, fMRI, MRI, PET, SPECT, and 5-day inpatient video EEG monitoring. We also have access to neuropsychiatry and a dietitian at the Alfred Epilepsy clinic which runs on Friday afternoons as well as the neurology research unit.

Please fax referrals for the Caulfield Epilepsy clinic to (03) 9076 6938. Include relevant previous investigation results, previously trialed and current medications as well as a history and description of their events. Appointment enquires can be made to Tamsin Maclean on (03) 90762497.

## Caulfield Movement Disorders Clinic

The Alfred Movement Disorders service has expanded their busy Monday morning clinic to include a second clinic on a Tuesday afternoon at the Caulfield Hospital campus. This offers a comprehensive movement disorders diagnostic and management service for Parkinson's Disease, atypical parkinsonism, dystonia, choreatic and tremor disorders.

Five highly trained movement disorder specialist neurologists are involved in the service, with three neurologists and two fellows staffing the new Caulfield clinic weekly. Opening this second clinic has significantly increased access to specialised Parkinson's treatment for patients. All available advanced treatment options for Parkinson's disease are available through this service, including access to Deep Brain Stimulation surgery, Duodopa intestinal gel, and Apomorphine pump treatments, with nursing support in the clinic and over the phone. The service is active in teaching and research, improving access for patients to new treatment options for Parkinson's disease, and has particular expertise in Atypical parkinsonism including progressive supranuclear palsy and multiple system atrophy. They are able to provide review appointments to appropriate regional patients via telehealth, and accept requests for second opinions from across the state.

Referrals can be directed to Drs Kelly Bertram, Richard Blaze, and Prof Dominic Thyagarajan at Caulfield outpatients fax (03) 9076 6938.

**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 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Missed masses - An update from the mortuary by Dr Diana Moir
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Gastroenterology by Prof Peter Gibson
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Oncology by Prof Mark Shackleton
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Anaesthesia by Prof Paul Myles

**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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