

GENERAL PRACTICE LINK - JUNE 2009

WELCOME TO THE JUNE GENERAL PRACTICE LINK

This is shaping up to be a very exciting month. We have just completed a very successful QI4GP workshop with our members and invited guests, and are now in the throws of planning our IPAC Network Seminar for Saturday, 27th June 2009, following our June 26th Executive and Council meetings – we hope you'll be able to attend the seminar with clinical thought leaders from your networks. More information is given below.

Hope you are all keeping warm. Now take a break, relax with a cup of tea, and read the latest edition of General Practice Link.

IPAC MEMBER SEMINAR: THE BALL IS IN OUR COURT! YOU NEED TO BE There!

We are now calling for registrations for the IPAC Member Seminar. The topic is "Clinically Led Networks – The Next Generation".

For many years we have been asking politicians for an opportunity to lead by creating a primary care led health sector. We are convinced that a primary care led sector is the way to create a financially sustainable health sector as we progress through the 21st Century. So...

- What does a primary care led health sector look like?
- What is the road-map for creating a primary care led health sector?
- What role does organised general practice, our networks, our national organisation, play in creating a primary care led health sector?

The objectives of this seminar are to bring together the collective knowledge and experience of those present in addressing these questions, to give IPAC, its members, and other seminar attendees, a clear and common understanding of the way forward.

Longer term, a rewrite of the primary care strategy (by primary care), a White Paper on Primary Healthcare Futures and a roadmap for change are all possible!

Registration form is available by emailing dominiquesutherland@ipac.org.nz

We acknowledge the sponsorship of ProCare Health Limited and Pegasus Health in helping to bring this event to IPAC Members.

QI4GP WORKSHOP

A well attended members' workshop on June 5th advanced the discussion on QI4GP. This "un-conference" featured robust discussions on quality, what is qi4gp, what is already happening in

our sector by way of quality and information initiatives and how to build on these, new PMS requirements. The workshop has given IPAC some clear guidance from our members and invited guests as to how to progress our involvement in the QI4GP initiative towards developing a primary care driven quality and information strategy.

SOUTHERN CROSS MINOR SURGICAL BENEFIT

Did you know that the majority of Southern Cross health policies have a Minor Surgical Benefit? This includes even those policies that do not have cover for day to day GP consultations.

The Minor Surgical Benefit is there to cover small procedures undertaken by General Practitioners in their rooms. The amount varies between \$240 and \$350 according to policy.

Southern Cross members should always check their individual policy themselves rather than relying on their medical practitioners advice in this regard. For example a small number of members have an excess payable in their policy which might reduce their reimbursement.

PSAAP UPDATE

Our members continue to be very well represented by experienced negotiator Conway Powell leading the IPAC negotiation team at the national DHB/PHO contract negotiations. Conway is well supported by GPs Drs Harley Aish and Tim Bailey Gibson, and manager Mary Brown from Compass Health, who all have excellent knowledge of the contract as well as being trained in negotiation. The GP members of the team are both involved in running PHOs as well as being busy GPs. As the contract is largely focused on the terms and conditions that affect everyday general practice, this skill mix is critical. Conway will represent IPAC at the forthcoming June 4th Facilitators meeting where he will be leading several discussions: reconfirmation of patient enrolment, a proposed framework for reviewing the definition of a medical consultation, and PSAAP integrity". Conway liaises with IPAC Chair Bev O'Keefe on a very regular basis, and reports directly to the IPAC executive on PSAAP matters, to ensure the interests of our members are well represented.

GENERAL PRACTICE NURSING ALLIANCE (GPNA)

The annual GPNA Leadership Day was scheduled for 20th May, but due to the recent H1N1 outbreak, many nurses were involved with pandemic planning and were uncertain whether they would be able to attend. As a result, the day was postponed until later in the year. Date and details will be advised closer to the time.

Mark Jones was going to speak at the Leadership Day, and when it was cancelled, took the opportunity to visit Rotorua anyway. He spent time in three practices where some of our members work. He chatted with groups of nurses around a range of topics. These included how the nurse practitioner role can be integrated into General Practice, nurse led clinics, models of practice and employment and professional development.

Mark wants to do some work around the role of practice nurses and their contribution to General Practice and we look forward to working with him and other professional nursing organisations in this area of research.

The AGM will be held by teleconference this year, on 22nd June at 12.00pm. A flyer giving details of the number will be circulated prior to the meeting. If you wish to nominate anyone for the Executive please send an email to rrowarth@ranolf.rgpg.co.nz

Members of the Executive represent the GPNA on many committees and groups. These include the IPAC Executive, ACC General Practice Liaison Group, Primary Care Information Management and General Practice Leaders Forum

Executive members are also on several other national groups, not representing GPNA but because of their experience and knowledge. These include PMP Governance Group, PMP Advisory Group, and the Expert Advisory Group.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...



My main day job is GP at Johnsonville Wellington. I am also on the IPAC Executive. Saying I have a few other interests would not be an understatement!

1. What is the best piece of advice your parents ever gave you? **Never listened so don't know.**
2. What is your most embarrassing moment? **Experiencing suppressed moving to uncontrolled laughter as I gave my first injection to a woman in a four bedded cubicle and realising that saying I just have a small prick and it would not hurt was not the best thing to say.**
3. What is your favourite movie/tv series? **It's hard to beat the classic of Jack Nicholson in "One flew over the Cuckoo's Nest".**
4. What is the best dining experience you've ever had? **Most of these have been with simple food and a large dose of hunger sauce.**
5. What is the most expensive item of clothing you've ever bought? **Italian Suit**
6. Where is your favourite place in the world? **Well... I have fallen in love with a number of places at various times but away from home the Ligurian Coast of North West Italy is hard to beat and close to home Wanaka in the winter. However, I am off to India later this year and that may take over.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NZMA GP CME Conference

11-14 June, Rotorua

General Practice Conference & Medical Exhibition

www.gpcme.co.nz

IPAC Network Seminar

27th June, Wellington

Clinically Led Networks: The Next Generation

If you have a conference, workshop or other initiative running in 2008/09 and would like it mentioned in the General Practice Link email ipacnews@ipac.org.nz.

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