



Wednesday, 13 January 2009

Could your surgery benefit from a Practice Nurse?

A practice nurse can be a real asset to your workplace by bringing new and complementary skills to your practice and adding positively to the practice bottom line by enhancing the services GPs are able to provide. There are a wide range of benefits for general practices that employ a practice nurse and the needs of individual practices and their patient population will shape the role/s a nurse will take on within a particular practice team.

Over the next few weeks through the Wednesday Weekly the Division will provide various financial models which will highlight some of the benefits of employing a practice nurse.

#1 Immunisation
Practice nurses may administer vaccines on behalf of a GP where directed by that GP. The GP is not required to be in the room but must be on the premises (unless the nurse is an Endorsed Nurse Immuniser). Item 10993 may be claimed when a practice nurse administers the vaccine on behalf of the GP. Your practice could make up to \$116.70 extra per child*

* See attached financial model for details.

CPD Presentations at www.barwondgp.org.au

A number of Powerpoint presentations from education workshops hosted by the Barwon Division are now available on our website under the "Resources" section.

Healthy Weight Week 24-31 January

Events happening at the Barwon Division office in Moree during Healthy Weight Week:

Wed 27 Jan: 12.15pm-1.30pm Health Seminar: **"Eating to lose weight and be healthy"** (healthy lunch provided) Facilitator: Fran Corcoles, Dietitian, Hunter New England Area Health Service.

Wed 27 Jan: 5.15pm -6.30pm Health seminar: **"Getting active and staying active"** (light refreshments provided). Facilitator: Dale McCudden, Exercise Physiologist, Enriched Health

Friday 29 Jan 9.15am - 10.30am: Health seminar **"Dietitians guide to the supermarket: how to choose healthy foods for you and your family "** (light refreshments provided)
Facilitator: Elizabeth Hammell, Dietitian, Barwon DGP

Please let interested patients know they should contact Elizabeth or Debbie at the Division on 6752 7196 by the 22nd of January. Bookings essential as limited places are available!

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Topic	Date	AEDT	Channel	Live?	Repeat of Broadcast
905: Birthing in the bush	Tue 19 Jan	12.3-pm	23		Fri 22 Jan, 12.30pm, Channel 23