



## Wednesday, 6 January 2009

### Discontinuation of funding for Therapeutic Advice & Information Service

Please be advised that funding for the Therapeutic Advice and Information Service (TAIS) will be discontinued as of 30 June 2010. The Therapeutic Advice and Information Service (TAIS) is a medicines information line specifically for health professionals including doctors, pharmacists and nurses. It is funded by the National Prescribing Service (NPS) and staffed by specialist drug information pharmacists. The NPS has determined it is no longer viable to continue the service. Please note the Medicines Line and the Adverse Medicines Events (AME) line are both still available for consumers.

### Healthy Weight Week 24 -31 January

Australia's Healthy Weight Week is running from the 24th - 31st January 2010. Healthy Weight Week is an initiative of the Dietitians Association of Australia, aimed at encouraging all Australians to eat better, feel better, and move more. With more than 13 million Australian adults either overweight or obese, it is more important than ever to promote healthy lifestyles.

As part of Healthy Weight Week, a variety of health promotion events will be run in Moree, including healthy breakfast, lunch, and dinner seminars. These will be free to all members of the community and will be facilitated by local dietitians and exercise physiologists. Watch this space for more details!

To get involved in your practice, and encourage your patients to make positive changes in 2010, please visit the Australian Healthy Weight Week website for lots of useful links and downloadable resources: <http://www.healthyweightweek.com.au/>

### Training events

Please see attached flyer for information regarding workshops and post graduate programs in medical health sciences and chronic condition health management at Flinders University.

### Palliative Care

**SAVE THE DATE** A Palliative Care community forum will be held in Moree on **24 March 2009** in conjunction with the Rural Palliative Care Nurses conference. There will be education for GPs, nurses and allied health professionals as part of this event.

Palliative Care data collection will also take place in February. It would be helpful if GPs could make note of the palliative care patients they see throughout the month of January.

### Rural Health Education Foundation [www.rhef.com.au](http://www.rhef.com.au)

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