

Friday 27 March 2009

PRACTICE MANAGER/RECEPTIONIST

Potential Self, a private psychology practice has a vacancy for a full time Practice Manager/ Receptionist. If you have reception and administration experience with basic bookkeeping skills, excellent work ethic and an interest in business development and be flexible with working hours contact e>kim@potentialself.com.au or p>4755 2211 to obtain a position description and selection criteria. Position Closes 28/03/09.

CONTINENCE EDUCATION FORUM

Two day educational forum on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 May 2009 at Brisbane Technology Park Conference Centre. For more information see attached registration form.

THE COMPLEX MOOD PATIENT

Presentation on diagnosing and treating mixed state bipolar patients. Speaker is Dr Jason Lee, Consultant Psychologist. Where: Mercure Inn, Thursday 30 April 6.30pm. For further information contact Patricia Zanella, Eli Lilly, p>0414 694 703.

NEW AUDIOLOGIST

Clarity Hearing Solutions has recently opened for business at 266 Charters Towers Road, Hermit Park. p>4779 1566

DENGUE UPDATE

Vigilance is still needed as dengue declines in Townsville. "Thanks to a magnificent effort from GPs and hospitals this year, our last known dengue 3 onset was February 13th and the last known Dengue 1 onset was February 21st. The total is at 72 known cases. Several other imported cases did not result in local transmission." For full details see attached.

VR GP REQUIRED

Belrowes Medical Centre has sessions available on Mondays for a VR Doctor. For more information contact Dr O'Reilly p> 4721 3411.

WANTED – OUT OF DATE SUTURES

Research student at JCU requires out of date suture materials to be used for implantation of fish tracking device for research purposes. If you are able to assist contact Michelle Heupel, p> 4781 4519.

APRIL MATER MEETING

The topic for the meeting is *Drivers Licence Assessment*. The speaker is Kara Schifillitti. When: 12.30 pm Thursday 2 April, Mater Conference Centre. To RSVP contact TGPN.

WOMEN'S HEALTH TALKS

This month's community education session is *Preventing Osteoporosis and Reducing Fracture Risk* as well as Beat the Bladder Blues. When: 5.00pm 7 April, Mater Conference Centre. To RSVP contact TGPN.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES

Offices suitable for Allied Health professional on a sessional or permanent basis situated in established 7 doctor accredited medical practice in Aitkenvale. For further details contact the practice manager on p>4725 6060.

PRACTICE MANAGERS MEETING POSTPONED

The Practice Managers Network meeting scheduled for Tuesday 7 April has been postponed to Tuesday 21 April. Contact TGPN for further details.

ANTENATAL SHARED CARE – YOUR OPINION

The Townsville Antenatal Share Care book may soon be adopted state-wide. As such we ask that you complete the attached questionnaire and fax back to us. This will allow us to update the content of the book using the consensus of GPs' opinion.

DATE CLAIMER

**TGPN's Meet and Greet
2009**

**Friday 29th May
Museum of Tropical Qld**

A proud member of



Delivering local health solutions through general practice

Home and Community Care (HACC)/Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme (MASS)

Continence Education Forum

Brisbane Technology Park Conference Centre, 1 Clunies Ross Court, Eight Mile Plains

Thursday 14 and Friday 15 May 2009



This Continence Education Forum is endorsed by the Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA). Nurses participating in the sessions earn Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) points as part of the RCNA Life Long Learning Program. Day one: 5 CNE points; Day two: 4 CNE points.

Day One - Thursday 14 May 2009

0900 - 0915	Welcome and Housekeeping - Chris Leech, Senior Project Officer, HACC/MASS Continence Project, Occupational Therapist Opening of Forum and Overview of the Role of MASS - Gayle Leggat, Executive Officer, MASS
0915 - 1015	Chronic Respiratory Disease and Incontinence - Dr Henry Marshall, Thoracic Physician, The Prince Charles Hospital, Chermside
1015 - 1040	MORNING TEA and TRADE DISPLAY
1040 - 1130	Complementary Medicines and Incontinence - Geraldine Moses, Senior Drug Information Pharmacist, Mater Health Services, Brisbane
1135 - 1240 Concurrent Workshop	Workshop 1 - Toddlers to Teens - Susan Robison, Occupational Therapist, Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland, Karen Matthews, Continence Advisor Blue Care, Brisbane, Jan Pinnington, School Nurse, Brisbane This workshop will address the importance of establishing healthy bladder and bowel habits in childhood for the lifelong continuum of bladder and bowel health. It will cover strategies to promote good habits in schools and child care settings, barriers to establishing good habits and the impact of school toilet environments on toileting habits. <i>We will consider issues for mainstream children and also those affecting children with intellectual and physical disabilities, including when and how to make the transition from paediatric to adult management.</i>
1135 - 1240 Concurrent Workshop	Workshop 2 - Continence Care in the Residential Aged Care Setting - Merryl Windsor, Emmaus Hostel, Wooloowin Glenys Webby, Community Care Advisor, Blue Care Incontinence is one of the key reasons for admission to residential care. How can we balance individual choice with the need for adequate hydration and fibre intake? What can we do if a resident denies having incontinence or constipation? What is best practice? How should we choose continence aids? How can we balance cost factors whilst maintaining individual choice, dignity, respect and independence? <i>This workshop aims to answer these and other questions, so best practice in residential continence care is better understood.</i>
1240 - 1340	LUNCH and TRADE DISPLAY
1340 - 1425	Perinatal Pelvic Floor Issues and their Long Term Impact on the Older Woman - Sue Croft, Pelvic Floor Physiotherapist, Private Practice
1425 - 1455	Radiation Oncology and its Effects on Continence - Pauline Rose, Nurse Unit Manager, Radiation Oncology, Mater Centre, Brisbane
1455 - 1520	The Role of the General Medical Practitioner in Continence Management - General Medical Practitioner and Lyn Field, Practice Nurse, Continence Advisor
1520 - 1540	AFTERNOON TEA and TRADE DISPLAY
1540 - 1615	Panel discussion - Skin Health and Incontinence - Panel members: Tracy Nowicki, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Principal Items Equipment Service; Glenys Drayton, Textile Expert and Lyn Gambling, Principal Continence Advisor, MASS
1615 - 1630	Evaluation and Prize Draws

Day Two - Friday 15 May 2009

0900 - 0910	Welcome and Housekeeping - Chris Leech, Senior Project Officer, HACC/MASS Continence Project, Occupational Therapist
0910 - 0955	The HACC/MASS Continence Project - Active Networking and Partnerships - Christine Leech and Audrey Burgin, HACC/MASS Continence Project Team, Brisbane
1000 - 1100 Concurrent Workshop	Workshop 3 - Aids and Equipment for Managing Urinary and Faecal Incontinence - Helleen Purdy, Continence Nurse Advisor, St Andrews Hospital, Brisbane; Heather Miller MASS Principal Continence Advisor and Steve Hales MASS Clinical Liaison Officer/Occupational Therapist <i>This workshop will explore the clinical decision making involved in selecting and prescribing aids and equipment for managing urinary and faecal incontinence.</i>
1000 - 1100 Concurrent Workshop	Workshop 4 - Life after Colorectal Surgery - Dr Nick Lutton, Colorectal Surgeon, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Mater Adult Hospital This workshop will provide a brief overview of surgical procedures for bowel problems, and include psychological issues relating to altered body function and changed body image post surgery. <i>A key feature of this workshop will be the emphasis on the long term management of these clients, with tips for clinicians involved in their care.</i>
1100 - 1120	MORNING TEA and TRADE DISPLAY
1120 - 1220 Concurrent session	Chronic Disease, Incontinence and Aboriginal People - Dr Justin Coleman, Medical Officer Indigenous Health Service, Inala; Ramon Rallah, Metro South Health Service District, Indigenous Liaison Officer and Audrey Burgin, HACC/MASS Continence Project Team
1120 - 1220 Concurrent Workshop	Workshop 6 - The Clinician's Guide to Evidence Based Practice - Professor Chris Del Mar, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine, Bond University - Do you know how to judge the quality of evidence in a journal article? What if two papers contradict each other – how do you decide which is more reliable? What is the significance of p-values, confidence intervals, sample size, intention to treat, randomisation and blinded studies, and do they really matter? <i>If you want a guide to evaluating evidence and making clinical decisions based on more than your experience or instinct, this workshop is for you.</i>
1220 - 1300	LUNCH and TRADE DISPLAY
1300 - 1400	Diabetes and Incontinence - Professor Lee Kennedy, Physician/Endocrinologist, The Townsville Hospital
1400 - 1445	The Myths on Managing Incontinence in the Community - Rowan Hill, Pelvic Floor Physiotherapist, Royal Brisbane and Womens Hospital; Angela Vivanti, Nutritionist and Dietician, Princess Alexandra Hospital; Fran Golding, Pharmacist, Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital and Heather Miller, MASS Principal Continence Advisor. <i>Come with questions to ask our panel about fibre, fluids, toilet positioning, toileting just in case, milk as a nightcap, cranberry facts, and other puzzling panel posers.</i>
1445 - 1500	Evaluation and Prize Draws

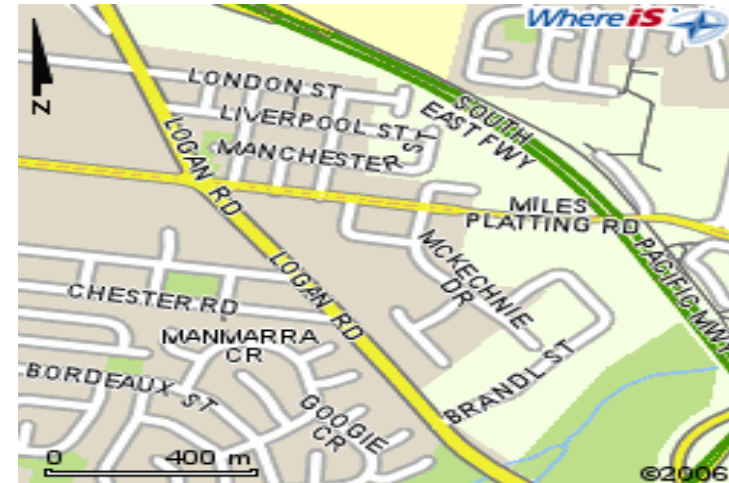
Venue Information

Location : Brisbane Technology Park Conference Centre, 1 Clunies Ross Court, Eight Mile Plains, Brisbane 4113

Parking: There is ample free parking available on site

General Direction: Clunies Ross Road off Miles Platting Road

Close to Public Transport: For information please telephone Translink on 13 12 30



Please note: Registration includes Lunch, morning and afternoon tea

Accommodation Information

Best Western Sunnybank Star Motel and Apartments - 4 star accommodation from \$138.00 per night

223 Padstow Road, Eight Mile Plains Qld 4113. This is in walking distance; however most would take a taxi. Telephone 1800 639 298 or 3341 7488

Brisbane Holiday Village - 4 star accommodation from \$120.00 per night (2 night minimum)

10 Holmead Road Eight Mile Plains Qld 4113. This is in walking distance; however most would take a taxi. Telephone 3341 6133

Travelodge Garden City - 3 ½ star accommodation from \$150.00 per night. Corner of Logan Road and MacGregor Street Mt Gravatt You would need to take a taxi to the venue. Phone 3347 7400 or 1300 886 886

HACC/MASS Continenence Education Forum - Thursday 14 and Friday 15 May 2009

Registration Form/Tax Invoice when paid ABN: 66 329 169 412

Please note: Each attendee must complete an individual registration form

Name		Organisation	
Preferred name on badge		Address	
Position		Site	
Telephone		Email	

Special Dietary Requirements

<input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please Specify
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Please indicate below which day/days you wish to attend the Forum

Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> 14/5/09	Friday <input type="checkbox"/> 15/5/09
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Please indicate below which workshops you wish to attend

Thursday		Friday		
Thursday 1135 - 1240	<input type="checkbox"/> Toddlers to Teens	<input type="checkbox"/> Continenence Care in the Residential Aged Care Setting	Friday 1000 - 1100	<input type="checkbox"/> Aids and Equipment for Managing Urinary and Faecal Incontinence OR
	OR		Friday 1120 - 1220	<input type="checkbox"/> Life after Colorectal Surgery OR
				<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Disease, Incontinence and Aboriginal People OR
				<input type="checkbox"/> The Clinician's Guide to Evidence Based Practice

Attendance Fees	Queensland Health Employees	Non Queensland Health Employees (Includes GST)
2 Days	\$110.00	\$121.00
1 Day	\$ 73.00	\$ 80.00

Queensland Health organisations: GST **does not** apply where fees are paid by Queensland Health. Please complete the following details for JMAN transfer to be originated by QEII Hospital

District Name			
Cost Centre			
Authorising Officer	Name	Signature	Telephone

Please make cheques payable to QEII Jubilee Hospital and forward to the following address:

Lesley Osborne
 Executive Support Officer
 HACC/MASS Continenence Project
 PO Box 1507
 FORTITUDE VALLEY QLD 4006
 Telephone: 07 3250 8606 Fax: 07 3250 8582

Registrations Close Tuesday 14 April 2009

Payment can also be made by credit card over the telephone on (07) 3275 6479. If this option of payment is used, please also e-mail contpro@health.qld.gov.au

Instructions for Cashier – Please receipt monies to cost centre 855013/452000 SO tax code.

Enquiries to: Dr Steven Donohue
Telephone: 07 4753 9000
Facsimile: 07 4753 9001

Townsville, 26 March 2009

Dear doctor

Vigilance needed as dengue declines in Townsville

Please remain on guard for cases of dengue in the coming months.

Thanks to a magnificent effort from GPs and hospitals this year, our last known dengue 3 onset was February 13th and the last known Dengue 1 onset was February 21st. The total is at 72 known cases. Several other imported cases did not result in local transmission.

Your rapid notification of suspected cases, plus extensive PCR testing in early viraemic disease, has provided the intelligence needed to bring both outbreaks under control.

However, we know that **dengue outbreaks cannot be declared over for three months** after the last confirmed case. Infective mosquitos can survive many weeks, and mild cases or occult transmission does occur. In addition, there is still nearby a large Dengue 3 outbreak in Cairns and a small Dengue 4 outbreak in Innisfail, so a **travel history** is important.

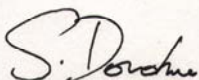
Please let us know immediately if you see a possible dengue fever. Ordering the tests is essential for public health and in the interest of the patient (alerts higher risk from a second infection). **We respond to every notification** with assessment, laboratory follow up, mapping and field vector control if local transmission is possible. Our vector control teams are on standby to destroy infective *Aedes aegypti* in targeted neighbourhoods, even on weekends.

Of course, we will now see more false positive clinical pictures and serology tests; their predictive value declines as cases become less frequent. I urge you to persist to ensure we detect and finally eradicate dengue in our area.

Townsville and Cairns remain close to the 'tipping point' between frequent imported outbreaks and endemic dengue; this would cause widespread suffering with complicated cases and deaths, enormous strain on our health services, and economic damage to sectors such as tourism. We are working year-round with councils and communities to reduce chances for vector breeding - so that we can win the battle next time too.

Contact the dengue team anytime at Tropical Population Health for further information.

Kind regards,



Dr Steven Donohue
Public Health Medical Officer

The Townsville Antenatal Share Care (ANSC) Green Book may soon be rolled out state-wide. We would like to assess local GP opinion on the current book before this process occurs.

Your feedback is vital if you DO or DO NOT use the book.

Could you please answer the following questions so we can edit the content of the ANSC book according to consensus of GP opinion?

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. I always complete the ANSC book for antenatal share care patients.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I find the ANSC easy to use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I would like the ANSC book to only contain the medical information I need to manage the patient.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I would like the ANSC book to contain all and any pregnancy related information e.g. medical, nursing, midwifery, community, preventative and child health.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I would like the medical section to be filled out to be more clearly demarcated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. I am interested in attending the ANSC workshop update to be held on the 5 th September.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:					

Name: _____
(Can be anonymous if preferred)

Practice: _____

Thank you for your time. Please Faxback ASAP to 4725 8921