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For the latest news on the Closing the Gap programs click [here](#) for the Aboriginal Health Update...

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

GP NSW - Connecting Care Program Officer

GP NSW currently has a vacancy for a Connecting Care Program Officer. The Connecting Care Program aims to reduce avoidable hospitalisation of people with chronic disease through the provision of integrated, holistic and well-coordinated care. The role of the Connecting Care Program Officer is to support Divisions of General Practice and/or Medicare Locals in NSW to deliver this program at the regional level. The position will provide leadership and direction to Division and/or Medicare Locals program staff in supporting the delivery of the NSW state government funded Connecting Care Program. Additionally the role will engage with and advise strategy development for the Connecting Care Program. This position is initially funded until 30 June 2013, with extension of the position dependent on ongoing funding. The role may involve some intrastate travel. The role will be based in the GP NSW city office, Clarence St, Sydney.

Applications close 13 July 2011. A full position description is available on the GP NSW website <http://www.gpnswnsw.com.au/about-us/employment-opportunities>.

HEALTH REFORM UPDATE

National Health Performance Authority

Australian Health Ministers have reached in principle agreement on legislation to establish the National Health Performance Authority as the next stage of national health reform. At a meeting of the Australian Health Ministers Conference, Ministers discussed proposed amendments to legislation to establish the National Health Performance Authority (NHPA), and refinements to the Performance and Accountability Framework, under which the NHPA will monitor, assess and report on performance of the health system. The Ministers have agreed in principle to targeted amendments to the legislation. Ministers also endorsed in principle the draft Performance and Accountability Framework. The Australian Health Ministers' Conference will now refer the Performance and Accountability Framework to COAG. Consistent with COAG agreement, Ministers agreed to a number of key measures to ensure reporting of performance in the Australian Healthcare system:

1. Health Ministers agreed that States and Territories are the system managers and as such the performance managers of public hospitals in Australia. The Performance Authority will report on the performance of hospitals and health networks, and these reports will be provided to State and Territory Health Ministers, as the system managers, prior to public release;
2. Health Ministers agreed to examine the number of national bodies that hospitals are required to report to with a view to rationalising the data requirements;
3. Health Ministers agreed that performance reporting of all areas including hospitals and health services, and primary care was required;
4. Ministers will establish hospital performance measurement criteria for national application; and
5. The in-principle agreement reached is subject to a production of a final re-worked Bill and framework.

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While the \$118 million independent statutory authority – the *National Health Performance Authority* will monitor, assess and report on the performance of Local Health Networks and Medicare Locals, the federal government has said it has no intention to extend the authority's operations to assess individual general practices.

See: <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr11-dept-dept070611.htm>

Evaluators of the personally controlled electronic health record

The Australian Government has announced two appointments to further guide the implementation of the nation's personally controlled electronic health record (PCEHR) system. A consortium led by PricewaterhouseCoopers and including the University of Queensland will be the Benefits and Evaluation Partner for the PCEHR system. The Benefits and Evaluation Partner will work from the development to the implementation of the system, providing ongoing analysis of how the PCEHR system will add value to the quality of patient care. Research will include measuring the impact of the PCEHR on improving the health of Australians, determining the best ways of meeting the needs of consumers, evaluating emerging international evidence and assessing the adoption of records by consumers and clinicians. Other partners currently being selected for the PCEHR Program are the National Infrastructure Partner and National Change and Adoption Partner.

To view the full media release, select the link below:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr11-nr-nr122.htm>

Joint Australia-New Zealand Therapeutic Products Agency

The Australian and New Zealand Governments have agreed to the phased establishment of a joint Australia-New Zealand Therapeutic Products Agency (ANZTPA) over a period of up to 5 years. Throughout the first two preliminary phases, each country will retain its own regulator, and continue to make its own regulatory decisions. Stakeholders will be consulted further as the arrangements are developed, with consultation arrangements being implemented early in the process. More information is available at:

[Australia New Zealand Therapeutic Products Agency \(ANZTPA\) - Fact sheet](#)

[Media release - Visit to Australia by the Prime Minister of New Zealand](#)

POLICY

Practice Nurse Incentive Program - policy details released

The Practice Nurse Incentive Program (PNIP) starts on 1 January 2012 and provides incentive payments to practices to support an expanded and enhanced role for nurses working in general practice. The PNIP simplifies financing arrangements by consolidating funding arrangements under the Practice Incentive Program (PIP) Practice Nurse Incentive and six of the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) practice nurse items and redirecting them into a single payment to eligible general practices. General practices across Australia, including those in urban areas as well as Aboriginal Medical Services and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services may be eligible for an incentive to offset the costs of employing a practice nurse. One of the eligibility requirements is that the practice is accredited under the current Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) *Standards for general practice*. Further details can be found at: <http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/incentives/pnip.jsp>

Domestic Violence Incentive payment to stop from November 1

Medicare Australia will stop making payments under the Practice Incentives Program (PIP) Domestic Violence Incentive from 1 November 2011. The PIP Domestic Violence Incentive provides payments to medical practices in rural and remote areas to act as a referral point to domestic violence support services for women experiencing domestic violence.



This measure will affect PIP practices registered with Medicare Australia who currently receive PIP Domestic Violence Incentive payments. A new streamlined program is currently being developed for administration by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

Changes under the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement

Changes affecting GPs have been made to the Residential Medication Management Review and Home Medicines Review programs under the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement. A new program has also been developed—the Medicines Use Review program incorporating the MedsCheck and Diabetes MedsCheck services.

From 1 October 2011, all medication management reviews conducted with eligible residents of an Australian Government funded aged care facility must be collaborative reviews. A collaborative review must be referred by a GP and conducted by an accredited pharmacist. GPs are eligible for payment for their role in a collaborative review under MBS Item 903.

From 1 October 2011, GPs will be able to refer directly to an approved accredited pharmacist for HMRs without the need to go through a community pharmacy. GPs will still be able to make referrals to a community pharmacy. This change will be reflected in MBS Item 900.

The aim of this new program is to optimise your patient's effective use of medicines through improving their understanding of, and compliance with, their medication therapy. The program will be trialled by the Department of Health and Ageing and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia in 2011–12 through a pilot starting in July 2011. Under this program, a MedsCheck and Diabetes MedsCheck service will be provided. MedsCheck and Diabetes MedsCheck will produce a report to be given to the patient that includes patient details, recommendations and a list of all medicines the patient is taking.

For further information go to:

Medicare Australia - <http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au>

[Department of Health & Ageing](#)

[Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement](#)

[Pharmacy Guild of Australia](#)

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EDUCATION

NSW Rural & Remote Clinical Team Leadership Program 2011

An initiative of the Rural Directorate of the Clinical Education and Training Institute in collaboration with the Clinical Excellence Commission and the rural local health districts in New South Wales. Applications are now being invited for up to ten teams across rural and remote NSW consisting of two health service staff members which may be from different disciplines and preferably from different departments to undertake the facilitated CTLP program together in 'program pairs'. Please note: One team member is no longer required to be a GP VMO.

CLOSING DATE EXTENDED TO: Friday 8 July 2011

For more details and an application form, go to: www.ruralceti.health.nsw.gov.



RESOURCES

GP Psych Support

The GP Psych Support (GPPS) Service offers free advice to all Australian GPs, on their patients' mental health matters. GPs can put in a patient enquiry by telephone (1800200588), facsimile (1800012422) or the [secure website](#), and a GPPS psychiatrist will respond to their enquiry within 24 hours. GPPS Psychiatrists can provide advice on all patient mental health issues. Common enquiries include: diagnosis; changes to medications and dosages; management; and referral options, in the areas of: perinatal; child and adolescent; drug and alcohol; general adult; and old age psychiatry. For more information or to register, visit www.psychsupport.com.au or phone 1800 200 588.

Influenza brochure and posters

The Influenza Specialist Group (ISG) has published a consumer brochure Influenza: Help Stop The Spread, which is presently being distributed to general practices around Australia. The brochure uses simple language to explain what influenza is, the symptoms, who is most at risk, and how it can be prevented and treated. As well as this brochure the ISG has developed a pair of A3 posters; treatment of influenza (effective use of antiviral medications) and tips on reducing the risk of spread, prevention of influenza (through vaccination), with information about those most at risk, and free vaccine under the national immunisation program. pdf versions can be downloaded through their website or send an email request for hard copies. [More...](#)

A picture of NSW children

An online data book produced by the NSW Commission for Children and Young People in collaboration with the Social Policy Research Centre (SPRC) at UNSW. The data book builds on the Commission's Kids Stats and provides demographic information on the children and young people of NSW aged 0-17 years and their families. Data is also provided on different aspects of their lives including child care and education, health and well-being, economic well-being, harm and injury, crime, and information about the communities they live in. <http://picture.kids.nsw.gov.au/>

Venous Thromboembolism Prevention

Blood clots are killing more patients in hospitals, three times more, than people who die on Australian roads. Known clinically as venous thromboembolism (VTE), blood clots lead to more than 30,000 hospitalisations and an estimated 5,000 patients die each year. An online VTE Prevention Resource Centre has been developed by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care which provides a one-stop-shop to the NHMRC's national guidelines, a step-by-step implementation guide for hospital managers, education resources for health professionals and information for patients on what can be done to reduce their risk.

- The Commission's online VTE Prevention Resource Centre (<http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/vte-prevention>)
- A clinician-friendly summary of the NHMRC VTE Prevention guideline (<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/nics/programs/vtp/prevention.htm>)
- Information for patients on how to reduce their risk of blood clots (<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/nics/programs/vtp/prevention.htm>)
- A ready-to-use VTE Prevention policy template for Australian hospitals
- (<http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/vte-prevention>)
- The NHMRC Report on lessons learnt about 'Preventing Venous Thromboembolism in hospitalised patients – summary of NHMRC activity 2003-2010' (http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/nics/programs/vtp/prevention_program_aus.htm)



SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

GP NSW STI Project finishes 30 June 2011

The GP NSW STI project, implemented under funding from the Sexual Transmissible Infection Programs Unit (STIPU), South East Sydney Local Health District, finishes on the 30 June. The Project has taken 18 months and a number of key outcomes have been achieved. These include but are not limited to:

1. GP NSW CEO, Jan Newland has chaired the STIPU GP working party for the duration of the project.
2. A project officer within each of the 33 NSW Divisions was identified and has acted as the conduit between STIPU, GP NSW and general practice.
3. The development of a new section *Sexual Transmissible Infection* has been included on the GP NSW website.
4. A Divisional resource directory has been developed for each Division (see GP NSW website) including general practices within suburbs of the respective Divisions, the STI Hotline number, the number, location and contact details of Aboriginal Medical Services within each Division, the number, location and contact details of public hospitals within each Division and the location and contact details of the relevant Public Health Units and Sexual Health Centres.
5. A STI testing tool for general practice has been developed (see GP NSW website).
6. A Contact Tracing Tool for general practice has been developed (see GP NSW website).
7. Templates, compatible with Medical Director and Best Practice, for contact tracing for both Gonorrhoea and Chlamydia have been developed (see GP NSW website).
8. An *Intent to Collaborate* agreement has been signed between both parties (GP NSW and STIPU) to ensure continuing communication and resourcing.
9. Regular articles have been included in both 10 Minute Update and Nursing Matters informing Divisions of the progress of the project and announcing the arrival of new resources.
10. Fifty-four practice nurses have undertaken the face-to-face STI training provided by their local Area Health CNCs in Sexual Health
11. Fifteen practice nurses were sponsored, under STIPU funding, to attend the APNA National Conference in Sydney.
12. Eight Divisions have provided the GP ASHM face-to-face active learning module with a total of 57 GPs, 18 Nurses and 4 others completed all 3 modules.
13. GP NSW has been invited to participate in research (UWS) and resource reviews.

Although the funding period will end on 30 June the intention to continue to collaborate and participate in relevant *Sexual Transmissible Infections* resource development will continue.

GP NSW would particularly like to thank all those Divisional Project Officers and CEOs who gave of their time freely and willingly.

If you require information regarding Sexual Transmissible Infections please do not hesitate to contact Carolyn Murray at the STIPU Unit on (02)93827458 or carolyn.murray@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Or information around contact tracing Leanne Burton on 04279805 or leanne.burton@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au



RESEARCH

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Data Report: Key indicators of progress for chronic disease and associated determinants

With preventive health now a major focus of health reform in Australia, this report provides information about the prevalence of those chronic diseases for which behavioural changes, or increased screening practices, can reduce onset, assist in management, or prevent death. The report contains current prevalence rates, and where possible, shows trends in chronic conditions over time. Statistics about the determinants of chronic disease assist in planning of prevention programs and strategies. When monitored over time, they may also help explain and predict any changes in chronic disease trends.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=10737419245&libID=10737419244&tab=2>

Parkinson's disease in general practice: Assessing knowledge, confidence and the potential role of education

In the context of an ageing population, Australian general practitioners (GPs) will be asked increasingly to manage challenging neurodegenerative conditions such as Parkinson's disease (PD). This study sought to evaluate whether Australian GPs have been provided with sufficient training to effectively diagnose and manage PD, and to determine the extent to which a brief training seminar could improve knowledge and increase confidence. A baseline assessment was completed by 168 GPs in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and was re-administered following an educational seminar to 105 GPs. Australian GPs demonstrated significant knowledge gaps on the baseline assessment, scoring only 50% (standard deviation [SD] 15.5%). Post-seminar results showed significant improvement ($p < 0.001$) to 71.5% (SD 15%). Although following the seminar the vast majority reported increased confidence, there were some differential benefits between metropolitan and regional practitioners. These findings emphasise the need for continuing education in relation to PD in primary health care.

Journal of Clinical Neuroscience <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0967586811001056>

CALL FOR PAPERS

Health Issues #108 – Call for Papers

Issue #108 of Health Issues Centre's Journal is on Men's Health: who is responsible for building capacity around men's health in Australia?

If you would like to discuss your ideas or wish to express interest in making a written contribution please contact Tere Dawson on (03) 9479 5827 or via email at t.dawson@healthissuescentre.org.au.

See: <http://www.healthissuescentre.org.au/documents/items/2011/06/372928-upload-00001.pdf>



ATTENTION RURAL DIVISIONS

Rural Surgical Futures Project - Last consultations in the Central West

The aim of the Rural Surgical Futures Project is to provide a framework for public sector surgery (both planned and acute) in rural NSW for the next 5-10 years. The project will take into account:

- The Surgical Futures report findings;
- National and international models of care for rural surgery;
- Projected demand for rural surgery due to demographic changes and disease prevalence; and
- Referral networks and inter-hospital transfers.

This has involved a series of consultations across rural NSW with three more consultations planned for Bathurst Base Hospital, Orange Hospital and Dubbo Hospital. For more detailed information and access to the survey see: <http://www.archi.net.au/resources/delivery/rural/rural-futures>.

GRANTS

2011 GlaxoSmithKline Adult Immunisation Grants Program

GlaxoSmithKline has launched its fourth Adult Immunisation Grants program for healthcare professionals working in immunisation to help support the uptake of adult immunisation in local communities and improve adult health in Australia.

Four \$20,000 grants are being offered for innovative immunisation programs in the following categories: General Practice; Division of General Practice, General Practice Network or Medicare Local; Council/Local Authority, Hospital or Community Organisation; and Indigenous Health

If you have developed an innovative adult immunisation project and require extra support, consider applying for a GSK Adult Immunisation grant. The closing date for proposals is 5:30pm AEST on 12 September 2011. For more information, to view video case studies from past winners or to submit a proposal, go to: www.gsk.com.au/adultimmunisationgrants.

DIABETES WEEK

Diabetes Week 10th July – 16th July

Each year Diabetes Australia celebrates National Diabetes Week to raise awareness about diabetes in Australia. The campaign aims to educate Australia of the risk factors for type 2 diabetes and how type 2 can be prevented.

The purpose of this year's National Diabetes Week's campaign is twofold - encouraging the 2 million Australians at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes to assess their risk and also encouraging the 1 million Australians who have known diabetes to have regular eye checks. Type 2 diabetes continues to be the fastest growing chronic disease in Australia with many Australians not realising the seriousness of developing type 2 diabetes, and the ongoing health and lifestyle complications including blindness, before it is too late.

Diabetic eye disease or retinopathy is a significant cause of vision loss and blindness in adult Australians. About one in six people with diabetes is affected by retinopathy. The diabetes epidemic is growing by a staggering 275 new cases every day and we have 1 million Australians registered on the National Diabetes Services Scheme. For every person known to have type 2 diabetes another is yet to be diagnosed. The burden of type 2 diabetes is increasing and it is expected to become the leading cause of disease burden by 2023.

More information can be found on http://www.diabetesaustralia.com.au/News--Events1/Events_New/National-Diabetes-Week/ or on the NSW website <http://www.australiandiabetescouncil.com/>.



WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES 2011

JULY	
3 - 10	<p>Naidoc Week 2011 - Change: the Next Step is Ours 3 – 10 July 2011 For entry forms and information on NAIDOC Week, visit http://www.naidoc.org.au/</p>
19	<p>Healthier Lives in the Albury Region A forum on strategies for improving the health of people with intellectual disability in the Albury & Surrounding Regions Tuesday 19 July, 9am – 3pm The Commercial Club, Albury For hard copies of the Flyer/Registration Form or for more information email katie@nswcid.org.au or phone 1800 424 065.</p>
22	<p>NSW Infection Control Guidelines Implementation Workshops 22 July - Newcastle This free workshop support the implementation of the <i>Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare</i>, to be held in Bathurst and Newcastle during July 2011. The purpose of the workshops is to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish the context for the revised Australian Infection Control Guidelines • introduce the AICG, the key messages, and the risk management framework • overview issues in guideline implementation • introduce the OSSIE framework for implementation • provide participants with tools and resources to assist implementation • provide participants with an opportunity to gain practical experience using some of the tools from the OSSIE toolkit. <p>Information: Sally Bates, Project Support Officer Clinical Safety, Quality and Governance Branch at NSW Department of Health at sbate@doh.health.nsw.gov.au.</p>
22 - 23	<p>Pain Management Symposium 22 & 23 July 2011, Pain Management Research Institute Day 1: The Problem of Pain, Day 2: Oro facial Pain Information: T +61 (0)2 9926 7386 E ros.wyllie@sydney.edu.au sydney.edu.au/medicine/pmri</p>
29 - 30	<p>NSW Rural Doctors Network 2011 Anaesthetics Procedural Conference 29 - 30 July 2011 Venue: North Sydney Harbourview Hotel Cost: GPs \$990 CPD/PDP: RACGP CPD Points and ACRRM PDP Points have been applied for. CPD Point allocation is not guaranteed and is subject to review by RACGP and ACRRM. This activity qualifies for a two day Anaesthetics Procedural Grant To register for the conference download the program from the NSW RDN website at www.nswrdn.com.au under 'Conferences/CPD Events'. Contact: NSW Rural Doctors Network - 02 8337 8100 or conferences@nswrdn.com.au</p>
30 - 31	<p>Monash University Office Procedures Workshop 1 30-31 July: Brisbane or 19-20 November: Melbourne Essential learning to improve your surgical techniques for ingrown toenails, joint injection etc Information: Contact 07 3137 1399 or www.healthcert.com.au</p>



30 - 31	<p>University of Queensland Certificate in Advanced Dermoscopy and Dermal Imaging 30-31 July: Brisbane Update knowledge and skills regarding skin cancer Contact 07 3137 1399 or www.healthcert.com.au</p>
AUGUST	
5 - 6	<p>Annual Skin Cancer Conference 5 - 6 August (optional workshops 4/7 August), Hamilton Island Information: 07 3137 1399 or www.healthcert.com.au</p>
12	<p>Implementing the NSW Palliative Care Strategic Framework 2010 – 2013 Date: Thursday 12 August 2010, Time: 9:15am – 4:00pm Location: Dockside @ Cockle Bay, Sydney Cost: Free. To register, please email Janelle.kenchington@sswahs.nsw.gov.au no later than 23 July 2010. Enquiries: Rob Wilkins at SCIP on (02) 9515 4005 or Rob.wilkins@sswahs.nsw.gov.au</p>
16 - 18	<p>GP NSW Closing the Gap Workshop 16 - 18 August Venue: TBA Information: Wendy Campbell at wendycampbell@gpnsw.com.au</p>
20	<p>Choose to be Challenged - Conference 20 August 2011 Host: Family Planning NSW Venue: Aerial UTS Function Centre, Level 7, Building 10, 235 Jones Street, Ultimo Information on speakers and registration: www.fpnsw.org.au/choosetobechallenged2011.</p>
22	<p>Teaching strategies for supervisors of international medical graduates Sydney, 22 August Information: contact JM&A on 03 9671 4788 or info@jm-a.com.au.</p>
23	<p>Increasing clinical effectiveness: Workshops for international medical graduates 23 August, Sydney For more information, please contact JM&A on: 03 9671 4788 or info@jm-a.com.au</p>
25 - 26	<p>7th Annual National Disease Management Conference 2011 National Convention Centre, Canberra, Australia 25 - 26 August 2011 http://www.adma.org.au/</p>
SEPTEMBER	
6 - 9	<p>21st annual TheMHS Conference - Resilience in Change Dates: 6 – 9 September 2011 Venue: Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, South Australia Further Details: http://www.themhs.org Email: info@themhs.org</p>
19 - 22	<p>2011 National Men's Health Gathering 19 - 22 September 2011 Perth, Western Australia The 2011 National Men's Health Gathering provides a chance for delegates to participate in strengthening the advancement of male health in the Australasian region and beyond through effective strategic planning and knowledge management. www.workingwithmen.org.au</p>



OCTOBER	
22 - 23	<p>UQ Certificate in Primary Care Skin Cancer Medicine 1 (Entry level Dermoscopy) 22 - 23 October: Brisbane or 3-4 December: Sydney For general practitioners Apply your new skills immediately after the workshop Contact 07 3137 1399 or www.healthcert.com.au</p>
22 - 23	<p>Certificate in Primary Care Skin Cancer Surgery (Intermediate level Surgery) For general practitioners 22-23 October: Brisbane Contact 07 3137 1399 or www.healthcert.com.au</p>
22 - 23	<p>Advanced Skin Cancer Surgery Workshop (NEW nose/lower limb focus) for general practitioners For general practitioners 22-23 October: Brisbane Contact 07 3137 1399 or www.healthcert.com.au</p>
25	<p>The Ageing Body 25 October 2011 at 10:30am Topic: the heart, memory loss, continence, the importance of good nutrition, balance & exercise Speaker: Dr George Szonyi, Geriatrician Venue: Auditorium, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney (Btw Park St & Bathurst St – 5 minutes from Town Hall) RSVP: Bookings essential, 9286 3868 Morning Tea available. Members free, guests \$5</p>
NOVEMBER	
4 – 6	<p>Australian Lifestyle Medicine Association Conference 4 - 6 November 2011 The theme for this conference is Healthy Lifestyle and Sustainability including workplace health and lifestyle medicine components throughout the program with Registration and a Pre-Conference Symposium on the Friday focusing on – Lifestyle Prevention & Reversal of Type 2 Diabetes. For more information about this Conference please email ALMA on info@alma-inc.com.au.</p>
9 – 11	<p>Youth Health 2011: It's totally important! – 8th Australian & New Zealand Adolescent Health Conference 9 – 11 November 2011 Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, NSW.</p>
16 - 19	<p>AGPN National Forum 2011 Wednesday 16 - Saturday 19 November 2011 Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre Registrations and accommodation bookings are now open for the 2011 AGPN National Forum. To register: http://www.gpnetworkforum.com.au/registration</p>
25 – 27	<p>NSW RDN /RDA (NSW) Rural GPs Conference 25 – 27 November 2011 CPD Weekend Location: TBC For further information, contact Arna Wotherspoon - Phone: 02 8337 8100, Fax: 02 8337 8110, Email: conferences@nswrdn.com.au.</p>



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