

Generally Speaking

Information for Gold Coast general practices

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Better connecting Queensland's GPs and public hospitals

Queensland Health has advised that from June 28 2017, Queensland GPs will be able to access the Health Provider Portal (The Viewer) which will provide secure, read-only online access to patient information from Queensland Health's public hospitals.

This initiative will allow Queensland GPs to view public hospital information including appointment records, radiology and laboratory results, treatment and discharge summaries, and demographic and medication details.

Queensland Health says by bridging the information gap between public hospitals and GPs, patients should receive better coordinated care and will be less likely to be re-admitted to hospital or undergo duplicate tests.

GPs registering to access the Health Provider Portal

Queensland GPs will be able to register for access to the portal by visiting www.health.qld.gov.au/hp-portal. This portal also has useful information for patients, about the new changes. This website will also host:

- GP training materials and fact sheets
- GP training materials videos
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Links to register for and login to the HPP

GPs will be able to access the portal via mobile devices (laptops, tablets etc.) however some devices (phones) may be too small to display the information clearly.

Patient notification

Through the portal, patients are able to 'opt out' of having their public hospital healthcare information accessible to GPs.

To raise patient awareness, Queensland Health says they have distributed collateral to general practices and public hospitals throughout Queensland. The project has also partnered with 13 HEALTH to help manage the 'opt out' process.



Prior to registering

GPs or their practice managers, will need to ensure that each GP's Medicare Provider Number and Healthcare Provider Identifier – Individual (HPI-I) is up-to-date and registered with Queensland Health's Secure Transfer Service (STS)¹. This will allow Queensland Health to communicate with GPs electronically.

To register, Queensland GPs will require 100 points of personal identification which can include:

- Australian driver's license*
- Australian passport
- Birth certificate
- Medicare Card

Three items of professional identification are also required including:

- Current Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) registration number indicating you are a Medical Practitioner.
- Medicare Provider Number
- HPI-I which identifies you as a 'Health Practitioner'.

For assistance prior to registration please email: connectingqld@health.qld.gov.au

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Supporting GPs and General Practice
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Dr David Rowlands
Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) Board Chair

It's been two years since Gold Coast Primary Health Network has been established, and I am proud of the advancements that have been made to build one world class health system for the Gold Coast across a range of areas including immunisation, aged care, alcohol and other drug services, mental health, persistent pain services, chronic disease reduction strategies and improving service access for the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Underpinning this success, is our valued relationship with General Practice - the cornerstone of primary healthcare. We look forward to continuing our support of general practices in the work they do to improve quality systems and patient outcomes. To ensure that GPs keep informed about our activities and opportunities, they can subscribe to the GP Bulletin to receive up-to-date information about upcoming local events, alerts and notifications. Seventy per cent of all GPs in the Gold Coast region are now subscribed which is vital to ensure we can contact GPs quickly with key information such as public health alerts. Subscribe at:

www.healthyc.com.au/gpsignup

The ATAPS Program has now been replaced with GCPHN Psychological Services Program, effective from July 1. These services have been established following extensive community consultation, and will better meet local needs. Please read the information on page 4 about new referral pathways.

GPs also have an opportunity to sign up for the Health Provider Portal (The Viewer) which I had the opportunity to test before its rollout on June 28. This will provide a fantastic opportunity for GPs to view public hospital information about their patients and will improve coordination of care.

Domestic and Family Information Guidelines released

The newly released *Domestic and Family Violence Information Sharing Guidelines* outline the protocols for sharing information between services and practitioners where a person is experiencing domestic violence.

The guidelines states that 'no single agency is responsible for intervention in domestic and family violence and there can be number of opportunities to collaborate and share information' and the 'safety, protection and wellbeing of people who fear or experience domestic violence including children, are paramount.'

The key principles for information sharing without consent are:

- Whenever safe, possible and practical obtain consent before providing or planning to provide services/ disclosing personal information about the person to someone else.

Submitted by:

Dr Kate Shapland

Board Member, General Practice Gold Coast (GPGC)

At GPGC we are committed to supporting our doctors. In order to address this we are hosting two events in the near future.

The first is to facilitate small group learning on August 30 hosted at GCPHN, Robina. We have been exploring this for some time and had overwhelmingly positive feedback that this will be helpful for our members.

We are aware that we have many different types of GPs to support including practice owners, contractors, those in small practices and those in large corporates, registrars and overseas trained doctors. People near retirement have a different agenda to those starting at their first practice. We aim to cater for all, so strongly encourage you to save the date and come and network with people like you!

We are aiming to facilitate a number of small groups. We aim for the groups to be set up after our next networking event and to be self-maintaining. We will provide ongoing support for the group facilitators. We think each group may evolve differently and we will support every GP that chooses this option to find the group that best suits them. The groups will provide a secure and confidential space to allow GPs to share and grow. Further details about this event will be available in the next edition on Generally Speaking.

Who do you turn to when you are unwell? Is it a different person if it is a physical condition or a mental health issue? Do you feel you can turn to your colleagues? Or friends? Do the mandatory reporting laws affect your decisions? These are questions that all doctors will face at some point in their career. There are growing concerns about the health and wellbeing among our profession and increasing concern of how this can affect patient outcomes. We also plan to run a half day event later this year with Queensland Doctors Health Program which will help you if you have one or more doctors as a patient.

All the GPGC board members look forward to seeing you at these events.

If you have any other ideas, concerns or comments please contact GPGC via elaine@gpgc.com.au

- The person's safety, protection and wellbeing of people who fear or experience domestic violence are paramount and so this takes precedence over the previous statement.
- Before sharing information consider if safety of the person would be compromised.

The document can be found at:

<https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/gateway/end-domestic-family-violence/our-progress/strengthening-justice-system-responses/domestic-family-violence-information-sharing-guidelines>

GPs can also refer to the RACGP White Book (4th Edition) *Abuse and violence: working with our patients in general practice*. This was developed by general practitioners and experts to ensure that the content is the most valuable and useful for health practitioners. It can be viewed at:

www.racgp.org.au/your-practice/guidelines/whitebook

And the Queensland Government has launched a campaign aimed at teenagers, 'Stop the Hurting – End Domestic Violence'. Visit: www.healthyc.com.au/Events/Events-News/Stop-The-Hurting.aspx

The General Practice Liaison Unit is based at the Gold Coast University Hospital and supported by Gold Coast Health and Gold Coast Primary Health Network.

The unit is tasked with improving patient care by facilitating and strengthening healthcare integration between Gold Coast hospitals and primary care providers. To contact:

GCGPLU@health.qld.gov.au

Next of Kin details paediatric referrals

Gold Coast Health (GCH) is reminding GPs that next of kin details are required for all paediatric referrals. Currently the referral templates do not have a field that auto populates 'next of kin' details.

When referring paediatric patients, GPs can manually enter next of kin details in the 'carer' field in 'Section 8 Relevant Social Information' of the referral template.

GCH is scheduling the next review of referral templates which will include a "next of kin" field and will notify GPs as soon as this change occurs.

Pathology results electronically

Queensland GPs can now receive pathology results from Queensland Health electronically, directly into their practice management system. To request a result call 1300 856 344 or email gpconnect@health.qld.gov.au

If your practice uses Medical Director (version 3.16b or later), Genie (version 8.8.6 or later), Best Practice LAVA edition or Zedmed, full pathology results can be received within the electronic discharge summary.

For additional information, please contact:

edstv-corro@health.qld.gov.au

GPs welcomed for Project ECHO

Children's Health Queensland is seeking expressions of interest from GPs wishing to extend their knowledge and skills in the care of children with ADHD via Project ECHO - a model of tele-mentoring, collaborative medical education and case presentations.

CHQ is now offering this model of GP-centric multidisciplinary care for children with ADHD to GPs throughout Queensland. The ECHO model aims to 'move medical knowledge instead of moving patients', and in this case brings multidisciplinary care for children with ADHD to regions which lack easy access to such care.

More information can be found in this TEDx Talk by the founder of Project ECHO at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=IY5nIjxac0g

The next series runs from 11 July. GPs can participate from home or work. Participants are eligible for 40 Cat 1 RACGP CPD points and Medicare items apply where GPs are presenting a patient.

For more information, email: ECHO.CHQ@health.qld.gov.au.



Dr Sneha John and Dr Max Mansoor

Direct access to colonoscopy pilot

A pilot of GP direct referrals for Gold Coast Health patients requiring colonoscopy is expected to start during the second half of 2017.

During the trial period, 15 general practices working with Gold Coast Integrated Care will be able to directly refer those patients who are aged under 50 with rectal bleeding, a body mass index of less than 35 and not viewed as having significant anaesthetic risks for colonoscopy. Previously, all patients were first offered appointments in the Endoscopy Assessment Clinic, which added to patient waiting times for their tests.

The project is led by Dr Sneha John, Director of Endoscopy Specialist Services, working in close collaboration with the GP Liaison Unit.

GPLU project officer, Dr Max Mansoor, said the trial would improve the quality of the patient experience by reducing waiting times and avoid unnecessary attendance at outpatient clinics.

"Depending on the success of our trial, direct referrals may in the future be extended to all general practices in the Gold Coast area, as well as for other indications" he said.

Gold Coast Health is currently preparing new referral templates for open access colonoscopy. Details will be available once these are finalised.

GP survey: Red Book review

Children's Health Queensland (CHQ) is conducting a review of the Queensland children's Personal Health Record, also known as the 'Red Book'. CHQ is inviting health professionals who use the Red Book to complete a survey to determine the current usage and satisfaction of the resource.

This survey is an opportunity for GPs, practice nurses, child health nurses, paediatricians, midwives, and other health professionals who use the Red Book to maximise its benefit for the children of Queensland. This survey may influence the potential development of an electronic version, or improvement of the current version.

The survey is available at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/PXPZTPG

GCPHN Psychological Services Program referral information

From July 1 2017 the ATAPS Program has been replaced with the Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) Psychological Services Program, better placed to meet local needs. This program is a referral option for patients who have a moderate mental health condition and would benefit from psychological services, are financially disadvantaged and from the following hard to reach groups:

- people who are or are at risk of homelessness
- culturally and linguistically diverse population
- people who identify as LGBTIQAP+
- women experiencing perinatal depression (until one year after childbirth)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- children (aged 0-12)
- people who self-harm or at risk of suicide

Referral Process

GPs need to be aware that several changes have occurred in relation to the referral process.

- The Mental Health Treatment Plan is now combined with the Referral Form. Once you have identified the patient as eligible, complete the Psychological Services Program Referral and Mental Health Treatment Plan.
- If the patient is under 12-years-of-age, a Referral and Child Treatment Plan is required.
- A total of six individual sessions are available and must be used within six months.
- After the initial six sessions the psychological services provider may recommend to the patient the option of continuing their psychological support through structured group therapy.
- The Medical Objects provider name is: **GCPHN Referrals**

Further Information

All referral templates, forms, fact sheets, list of preferred providers and relevant resources are available at: www.healthygc.com.au/PsychologicalServicesProgram

Any inquiries contact: psychologicalservices@gcphn.com.au

It is important to note that there will be no changes to the Better Access Program which is a referral option for patients not meeting the eligibility criteria above. Further information can be found at: www.health.gov.au/mentalhealth-betteraccess

GP information about NDIS

GCPHN, the lead agency for Partners in Recovery (PIR) Gold Coast, is leading the transition of eligible PIR participants into the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) to start from July 1, 2018. GCPHN is commencing work with General Practice and allied health about their role supporting their patients with a physical and/or psycho-social disability to transition into the NDIS.

The NDIS has a useful fact sheet about the role of GPs which is available from: www.ndis.gov.au/medias/documents/hee/h6b/8798600822814/Factsheet-HealthProfessionals.pdf Eastern Melbourne PHN also has a useful video for GPs: <https://vimeo.com/217600151>

For any local questions, email the GCPHN mental health team at: mentalhealthAOD@gcphn.com.au

Bowel screening update

One-hour seminar for nurses in general practice

The Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association has developed a one-hour online seminar on bowel cancer, screening and how nurses working in General Practice can approach bowel screening with patients. View at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXbbrRU--KE&feature=youtu.be

General Practice and Bowel Cancer Screening

The Australian Government Department of Health says that the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) can only work with the support of general practices, with recent evidence clear that a recommendation from a primary healthcare provider is an important motivator for participation in bowel cancer screening. Practices can support the program through:

- **Knowing the Program.** These short videos for GPs includes information on screening, classification of risk and referral. www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/population-screening/cancer-screening/bowel-cancer-screening
- **Talking to patients** - aged 50-74 years about bowel cancer screening - Download clinical resources at www.cancerscreening.gov.au/health-professionals
- **Demonstrate how to use a kit.** Order demonstration kits at NBCSP@health.gov.au
- **Displaying brochures, flyers and posters.** Order program resources at www.cancerscreening.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/resources-menu-bowel

How can general practices support better reporting?

To assist with data around participation, positivity and diagnostic assessment rates, GPs are asked to submit the GP Assessment Form electronically at: www.cancerscreening.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/forms#electronic.

The form can be sent by post or fax to notify the program register of referral/non referral for colonoscopy or other bowel examination for participants with a positive result. Provision of information attracts payment.

Aged Care

My Aged Care redesign

In response to feedback about the functionality of the My Aged Care website, the Australian Federal Government Department of Health is improving access for GPs to have better access to patient and referral information.

The Department says the changes will allow clinicians to act on behalf of their patients with consent, track the progress of referrals and deal directly with assessors, which will support continuity of care.

Other changes include:

- improved referral pathways for health professionals
- significant changes to the interface for aged care providers
- MyAssessor app being improved
- better support for clients to access the call centre - consumers can appoint a representative to act on their behalf.

For more information visit:

<https://agedcare.health.gov.au/programs/my-aged-care/latest-my-aged-care-updates>

Online training module diabetic retinopathy screening MBS items

Mater Education is offering a six-hour training module to help GPs and practice staff learn about the new MBS item numbers 12325 and 12326 for Diabetic Retinopathy (DR), and requirements for a safe and effective service, covering the topics:

- The necessary practice infrastructure, including choice of camera.
- Information for practice nurses and Aboriginal Health workers to maximise quality images using a non-mydratic camera.
- Online training for GPs to be confident in the accurate interpretation of retinal images and appropriate referral.
- A self-test to benchmark screening accuracy.
- Strategies to develop a process for DR screening which suits your practice and community.

The module addresses perspectives of patients and practitioners regarding optimal screening, and is suitable for urban, rural and Aboriginal Medical Service settings.

It has been approved for continuing professional development (CPD) points and can be undertaken as a practice or as GP-only training.

The module is based on the findings of a three-year National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) trial which identified that general practices, with appropriate camera and in-practice training, achieved mean effective DR screening rates of 99 per cent compared with an NHMRC estimated national rate of 50 per cent. To enrol visit:

<http://healthygc.com.au/Events/Events-News/Diabetic-Retinopathy-Screening.aspx>

Practice News

Medical student supervisors: the Art of Influence event

Wednesday 26 July 2017, 6.30pm - 9.30pm, University Club Restaurant, Level 3, Building 6, Bond University, Robina

This training organised by Gold Coast Primary Health Network in collaboration with Bond and Griffith universities and GPTQ, is for new or existing GP supervisors of medical students on placement. This event aims to:

- Describe risk factors and coping mechanisms for burnout in medical education.
- Suggest practical ways in which educators can renew and retain their interest in teaching.
- Explain the core principles of 'influence' and how to successfully apply them in practice.

Attendance at the event is strongly encouraged for those taking students or looking to be involved in 2018. To register visit: www.healthygc.com.au/GPTrainerWorkshop

Have the CHAT

CHAT with your COPD patients this winter

Lung Foundation Australia's winter campaign, *Have the CHAT*, is an opportunity to remind patients about the symptoms of an exacerbation (flare-up of symptoms), including:

- Coughing more than usual
- Harder to breathe than usual
- Any change in sputum (phlegm) colour and/or volume
- Tired more than usual (less active)

To reduce hospitalisations, Lung Foundation Australia has developed a suite of evidence-based resources to support health professionals in timely identification and management of COPD exacerbations. For further information: www.lungfoundation.com.au/have-the-chat

Fast Facts

- COPD is the second leading cause of preventable hospitalisation in Australia.
- Each exacerbation does long-term damage. In people hospitalised due to COPD, the risk of death may be greater than a heart attack.
- A delay of 24 hours or more in seeking treatment for an exacerbation doubles the chance of hospital admission.

Practice Tips

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Accreditation Resources

For access to GPA/AGPAL resources for training visit: www.healthygc.com.au/Resources/Accreditation-in-General-Practice.aspx AGPAL Accredited practices have access to the AGPAL Quality Toolbox Series (accessed via logging in to the website) which offers useful information in short, interactive and easy to follow online modules. Some examples include marketing your practice, staff immunisations, doctor's bag and clinical governance. GPA offers free webinars that are accessible to anyone. Various topics are offered to help prepare for the survey visit day.

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Cat 4 training

Thank you to those of you who attended Gold Coast Primary Health Network's (GCPHN) recent inaugural Cat 4 Training evening. Due to its success, GCPHN is planning to host these events every three months. As space is limited and the event is interactive, numbers will be limited. Attendance at these events will be offered in the first instance, but not limited to, the staff at practices on initial installation of Cat 4. The evening's presentation is available at: www.healthygc.com.au/CAT under the CATPlus Resources tab. If you are interested in attending one of these events, or wanting to find out more about the Cat Plus suite of tools, please contact your allocated practice support officer or email practicesupport@gcphn.com.au

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Practice Support update

The GCPHN Practice Support Team is busy planning for 2017- 2018. With many more practices utilising the Cat 4 tool and practice support, GCPHN will be reviewing how practices are allocated to the team members to best meet your needs. It is envisaged that there will be some changes in the practice support officer allocations. We will endeavour to keep these to a minimum. Further information will be distributed in early July. If further information is required, please contact the team on practicesupport@gcphn.com.au

Gold Coast Primary Health Network Area				
Notifiable diseases	May 2017	May (5 Yr Mean)	YTD 2017	Total for 2016
Vaccine Preventable				
Measles	-	-	3	-
Pertussis#	5	30	65	269
Rubella	-	-	-	-
Influenza (Lab confirmed)	131	56	537	2352
Mumps	<3	<3	4	7
Varicella	68	49	392	976
Bloodborne				
Hepatitis B (Newly Acquired)	-	<3	<3	4
Hepatitis B (Unspecified)	5	8	45	122
Hepatitis C	21	24	103	287
Gastrointestinal				
Campylobacter	70	38	367	710
Cryptosporidiosis	4	16	86	228
Hepatitis A (All)	-	<3	<3	9
Rotavirus	10	6	47	98
Salmonellosis (All)	35	41	275	506
Sexually transmitted				
Chlamydia (All Forms)	270	238	1512	3007
Gonorrhoea (All Forms)	56	27	315	607
Syphilis (Infectious <2yr dur)	18	4	47	47
Arboviral disease				
Ross River Virus	26	16	80	108
Barmah Forest Virus*	6	7	16	12
Other diseases				
Q Fever	-	<3	3	10
Legionella	<3	<3	<3	3
Meningococcal (Invasive)	<3	<3	4	4
Pneumococcal (Invasive)	5	<3	11	22

* Caution should be used when making historical comparisons of BFV cases due to the high number of false positive notifications related to a commercial serology kit. # Caution should be used when interpreting Pertussis notifications due to changes in notification criteria in 2013. Data Extracted June 12 2017 Qld Health NCOS database

For immunisation advice contact:
The Gold Coast Public Health Unit
P: 07 5667 3200 F: 07 5667 3281
Email: gcpहुcdc@health.qld.gov.au

The Queensland Government has provided funding for a 12 month vaccination program for teenagers aged 15 to 19, following an increase in meningococcal serogroup W and Y notifications in 2016. The vaccine will protect teenagers against four strains of meningococcal disease, covering the A, C, W and Y strains.

Year 10 students will be eligible for the vaccination through the School Immunisation Program in the 2017 school year. The vaccine will also be available through GPs and other immunisation providers for 15 to 19 year olds, until the end of May 2018.

Queensland's Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young said meningococcal W was an emerging strain that requires preventive action.

"It's a very virulent strain and it's on the rise in Queensland, so anything we can do to combat its rise is a good step," Dr Young said.

Symptoms of meningococcal disease, include vomiting, fever, headache, stiff neck, sensitivity to light, drowsiness, joint pain, or a rash of red-purple spots or bruises.

For more information: www.goldcoast.health.qld.gov.au/meningococcal-program

Gold Coast Public Health Physician Dr Paul Van Buynder also has useful information for local GPs and parents available at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=mMwsimhXS6c

GPs role in pregnancy flu shot education

The Australian Government Department of Health has developed educational videos for health professionals and residents, to highlight the risks of influenza during pregnancy and the benefit of vaccination. The videos were developed in response to a meeting with experts to discuss the challenges in promoting influenza vaccination to pregnant women and strategies to increase uptake.

Professor Brendan Murphy, Australian Government Chief Medical Officer, says a focus of the health professional video is to call on all health care providers to ensure influenza vaccination is part of standard antenatal care.

Professor Murphy says that despite influenza vaccination being available free to pregnant women on the National Immunisation Program, vaccination rates remain low with only one in three

pregnant women receiving the influenza vaccine. Influenza infection during pregnancy can lead to premature delivery and even death in newborns and very young babies. Pregnant women can have the vaccine at any time during pregnancy and benefit from it all through the year.

Video Links

Health professionals:

Flu vaccination and pregnancy – Free flu shots for pregnant women

<https://youtu.be/lhUoMPPGgZA>

Pregnant women:

Flu vaccination and pregnancy – What pregnant women need to know

https://youtu.be/7m0M_rFIhFY

Flu vaccination and pregnancy – Vaccinate against flu. Protect your baby too

<https://youtu.be/9nWb6daxfEY>

For further information visit the Immunise Australia website.

<http://immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/pregnant-women>

Gold Coast Public Health Unit new contact details

The Gold Coast Public Health Unit has moved with new address and contact details.

Address

Carrara Health Centre, 45 Chisholm Road Carrara. PO Box 318, Nerang, Qld 4211

Telephone

07 5667 3200: *General*

1800 940 750: *Immunisation (School/Comm)*

Fax

07 5667 3281: *General*

07 5667 3280: *Communicable Disease CDC*

07 5667 3285: *Data Team*

Email

General: gcpहु@health.qld.gov.au

Environmental Health:

EH_goldcoast@health.qld.gov.au

CDC: gcpहुcdc@health.qld.gov.au

Immunisation (School/Community):

immuniseGC@health.qld.gov.au

Immunise Data: gcimmun@health.qld.gov.au

Health Promotion:

GCPHU-HP@health.qld.gov.au



Experienced RN wanted @My Doctors Coomera

We are seeking an experienced RN in General Practice to:

- perform clinical duties
- childhood immunisation, care plans and wound care
- knowledgeable in Cold Chain Management
- assist in procedures, ear syringing
- leadership and guidance
- casual/full time positions available

Contact: Lizz Csanyi on 0404 283 371 or lizz.csanyi@yahoo.com.au

VR GP required at 188 Medical

A new doctor-owned practice is looking for a VR GP.

- private billing
- full time RN support and pathology onsite
- great location near Harbourside, on-site parking
- excellent support staff

Contact: Trudi Hughes on 07 5661 9188 or info@188medical.com

GP required Paradise City Medical Centre

Due to a high demand for botox and fillers on the Gold Coast this practice is seeking someone with experience and accreditation in this field. Experience in cosmetic injection is required, with minimum 1-2 years experience. Recent graduates welcomed (but must be registered) and seasoned professionals invited to apply for this position.

- required education: Bachelors degree
- required experience: Cosmetic - one year

Contact: Paradise City Medical Centre on 07 5539 8200 or email: reception@paradisecitymedical.com.au

RN required at Sanctuary Cove Medical Centre

We are seeking an RN experienced in General Practice, including:

- chronic disease management and health assessments
- CVC, childhood immunisations, wound care
- ear syringe procedure and assist minor procedures
- cold chain management
- monitor/ordering stock
- two days per week (looking to increase upon growth of practice).

Contact: Sanctuary Cove Medical Centre on 07 5577 8066 or ummedshekhawat@gmail.com

GP interest in skin cancer diagnosis and treatment

We are looking for a full-time/part-time GP with a strong focus on skin cancer diagnosis, detection and treatment. Join our happy non-corporate team and enjoy coming to work.

Contact: The practice manager on 07 5539 4185/ 0401 031 785 or email acmed@bigpond.net.au

VR female GP for Classic Way Family Practice

Well established non-corporate run general practice requires an enthusiastic caring and professional female VR GP to replace long term but now departing female GPs.

- full autonomy over the appointment book, hours etc.
- generous guaranteed minimum will be available for 12 weeks or 70 per cent of takings whichever is the greater.
- position available from early August

Contact: Robyne Boyd. Email classicway@bigpond.com or phone 07 5568 0600.

GP wanted at Michigan Drive Medical Practice

Michigan Drive Medical Practice is seeking a VR GP to join our friendly team. **Contact:** Roshi Naicker at roshi@michigandoctors.com.au or phone 07 5580 0493.

VR female GP wanted Sanctuary Cove Medical Centre

Female GP required for two days per week in private billing practice. Guaranteed income for first three months. Sanctuary Cove Medical Centre is a privately owned practice in sought-after area of the Gold Coast. **Contact:** Sanctuary Cove Medical Centre on 07 5577 8066 or email ummedshekhawat@gmail.com

Place a free job notification

To place your listing on the HealthyGC website. Go to www.healthygc.com.au/professionaljobs (Listing also included in *Generally Speaking*.)

Alternatively email communications@gcphn.com.au
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RN wanted at Surfers Paradise

Seeking experienced RN at Surfers Paradise Day and Night Medical Centre with minimum of two years General Practice experience in the following:

- health promotion and Chronic Disease Management
- assist GP with procedures as required
- immunisations, health screening and assessments
- registers, recall and reminder systems
- maintaining medical supplies/stock control
- monitoring and maintaining cold chain procedures and recommendations as per national and state guidelines
- participating in accreditation process, assist with the development of policy/procedures and ongoing continuous quality improvement

Contact: Margaret on 07 5592 2299 or margaret@surfersdn.com.au

In Brief

Community Fibroscan referrals on the Gold Coast

The QuIHN Better Access Medical Clinic will provide Fibroscans to people seeking a Fibroscan for their Hepatitis C treatment. Fibroscan clinics will be operating at Burleigh Heads Better Access Medical Clinic from June 2017, by way of referral, every three weeks. Visit:

www.healthygc.com.au/FibroscanReferrals

Argus is no longer being used for referrals

Gold Coast Health is reminding General Practice that referral templates can be sent through the secure transmission service to Gold Coast Health using Medical Objects and Health Link. Argus is no longer used, and templates are being revised to reflect the change.

Work Capacity Certificate

The Office of Industrial Relations is reminding GPs to use the new Work Capacity Certificate – workers' compensation (dated July 1 2016). This certificate replaces the previous workers' compensation medical certificate and was designed following consultation with medical practitioners. Free CPD accredited education has also been designed to support Queensland doctors and their role within the workers' compensation scheme. Visit: www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/medicalsupport

Rheumatology in Primary Care 2017 - GP update

Saturday 29 July, Translational Research Institute, Woolloongabba

This day long 2017 seminar features presentations from some of Queensland's leading rheumatologists, primary care physicians and academics. Topics will cover osteoarthritis, medications, vaccinations, OTC therapies, inflammatory arthritis in children, MPR/GCA and Methorexate. More information: www.healthygc.com.au/Events/2831.aspx

Hepatitis C in Drug and Alcohol Settings Education Event

July 29, North Quay, Brisbane.

ASHM is holding this event for GPs, medical practitioners, nurse practitioners and addiction specialists who work with people who inject drugs. <http://www.healthygc.com.au/Events/2781.aspx>

National Eating Disorders and Obesity Conference

August 7-8, Surfers Paradise

This conference focuses on the issues of eating disorders and obesity, the co-relationship within the context of mental health, the challenges surrounding public health in our current and future population and the role of physical health in maintaining our positive wellbeing. To find out more visit: www.healthygc.com.au/Events/2383.aspx

Early Psychosis and Perinatal Mental Health Symposium

Thursday 24 August 2017, Bond University, Robina

The Rotary Club of Runaway Bay presents the Annual Australian Rotary Health symposium with this year's theme, 'Perinatal Mental Health and Trauma Informed Care'. Details will be available soon. Any questions please contact Mark McAskill at: Mark.McAskill@health.qld.gov.au

Short-term restorative care options

Feros Care offer an eight-week program to help patients recover from an injury or illness, supported by dietitians, psychologists, nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and podiatrists. Find out more at: 1300 763 583 or visit: www.feroscare.com.au. GPs can refer patients into this and other short-term restorative care programs. For more information visit: <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/programs/my-aged-care/health-professional-referrals-to-my-aged-care>

Decision Assist's new website

Decision Assist has just launched a new website, with improved content and functionality providing education, resources and advisory services to support aged care and general practice workers in palliative care and advance care planning. Visit: www.decisionassist.org.au

Leukaemia Foundation benefit concert

Renowned American concert violinist Quinton Morris features in this benefit concert at Mount Tamborine. Find out more at: <http://healthygc.com.au/LeukaemiaBenefitNews>

What's On

Gold Coast Primary Health Network does not endorse any events listed below that are provided by external agencies. Details are provided for information to practices and patients. Full details available at www.healthyc.com.au/events



PLEASE NOTE

Events organised/supported by Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) for practices are highlighted in the blue boxes. Details are available at: www.healthyc.com.au/professionalevents

July 8 2017

myPHN Conference 2017: Transforming healthcare together

July 11 2017

Project Echo for General Practitioners

Alzheimer's Australia Dementia Courses - Merrimac (Day 2)

July 12, GCPHN Professional Event Course in Aural (Ear) Health

GCPHN, Robina. 9am-5pm
Benchmark event to assess and manage aural health.

July 12 2017

Better Living With Your Lung Disease - Patient Seminar

July 13 and 14 2017 GCPHN Professional Event Benchmark Wound Closure/Suturing Course

8.45am - 4.30pm GCPHN Robina
This course is designed to develop the knowledge and skills required for practice nurses and GPs to safely assess the need for and perform wound closure in a variety of settings.

July 18 2017

GCPHN Professional Event Immunisation "Back to Basics" Workshop

GCPHN Robina, 8:30am - 4:30pm
Staff and nurses new to general practice (within the last six months) with immunisation responsibilities.

July 18 2017

Alzheimer's Australia Dementia Courses - Merrimac (Day 3)

July 20 2017

Type 1 Diabetes - Nursing Young People

July 21 2017

My Nutrition Workshops - Workshop 1

July 26

GCPHN Professional Event GP Trainer: The Art of Influence

Bond University, 6:30pm-9pm
For general practitioner supervisors of medical students.

July 26 2017

National Suicide Prevention Conference

July 27 2017

9th Skin Cancer Summit and Masterclasses 2017

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Jamie Oliver's Ministry of Food Australia - Mobile Kitchen

July 29 2017

Hepatitis C in Drug and Alcohol Settings Education Program

July 29 2017

Rheumatology in Primary Care 2017 - An Update for GPs

July 31 2017

Australia's Red Centre Conference 2017

August 2 2017

Alzheimer's Australia Dementia Courses - Merrimac (Day 1)

August 3 2017

Alzheimer's Australia Dementia Courses - Robina (Day 1)

August 4 2017

Wound Management Workshop

August 7

4th National Eating Disorders and Obesity Conference

August 9 2017

My Nutrition Workshop - Workshop 2

DATE CLAIMER

Date: August 30 2017

Time: 6.30pm start

Venue: GCPHN, Robina

General Practice Gold Coast (GPGC) and Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN)

Small group learning event for General Practitioners

Refreshments will be available

More details available next edition

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