

Generally Speaking

Information for Gold Coast general practices

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BreastScreen Queensland now sending electronic letters

If set up to do so, GPs should now start receiving letters from BreastScreen Queensland electronically, via Medical-Objects and the Queensland Health Secure Transfer Service (STS), rather than by post. STS provides an efficient exchange of patient sensitive information with external partners, including patient discharge summaries.

If Medical Objects is installed, this should automatically occur, however if GPs are new to the practice, please ensure their details have been updated with Medical Objects and the STS Address.

Has your practice signed up to the Queensland Health STS?

STS provides an efficient exchange of patient sensitive information with external partners. STS can send:

- referrals
- discharge summaries
- clinical and specialist letters
- care plans
- pathology results

STS meets all compliance requirements related to information security. If practices haven't already signed up to use this service they can download the STS Connection form at: www.health.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0025/653308/sts-addressbook-form.pdf

If you would like more information on the BreastScreen Queensland electronic letters, please email:

Donna.Smith@health.qld.gov.au

National Bowel Cancer Screening (NBCS) Program

Currently in Queensland, NBCS results will still be sent via hard copy as well as electronically, to ensure all GPs receive these results. Electronic results will be used once all GPs in Queensland have been recorded in the system.



Preparing practices for cervical screening changes

The National Cervical Screening Program (NCSP) aims to reduce morbidity and mortality from cervical cancer in a cost-effective manner through an organised approach to screening. Currently the NCSP promotes routine screening with a Pap test every two years for women aged 18 to 69 years.

On 1 December 2017, the NCSP will be moving to a five yearly HPV test for women aged 25 to 74 years. Information on the current program and the 'Renewal' of the NCSP are available at: www.cancerscreening.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/cervical-screening-1

To assist healthcare providers in preparing for these changes to the NCSP, the Department of Health and NPS MedicineWise have developed Cervical Screening Online Training Modules. These are now available at NPS MedicineWise website: <https://learn.nps.org.au/mod/page/view.php?id=7804>

This set of online learning modules gives healthcare providers information on the following areas:

- changes to the National Cervical Screening Program (NCSP)
- changes to practice and the cervical screening clinical pathway
- communicating the importance of screening and test results to patients

All six interactive online modules are accredited for CPD points with RACGP, ACRRM, ACN, ACM and APNA.

FOR FURTHER CANCER SCREENING INFORMATION

www.healthycg.com.au/cancer

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Australia's Breast Cancer Awareness Month and raises awareness about breast cancer in the community.

Clinical best practice

Evidence-based clinical practice guidelines, guides and recommendations designed to assist decision making and guide best practice in the management of cancer are available on the Department of Health website:

<https://canceraustralia.gov.au/clinical-best-practice/breast-cancer>

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Dr David Rowlands
Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) Board Chair

With the Commonwealth Games only six months away, it's important that practices start planning now for how this may impact on your business. Practices can take advantage of free workshops currently being held, to assist in the planning process. Details are available below.

Queensland Mental Health Week is being held this month and it is a timely opportunity to think about treatment options for your patients. For short-term psychological interventions for financially disadvantaged people with non-crisis, non-chronic, moderate mental health conditions, or for people who have attempted, or at risk of suicide or self harm, patients can be referred into the GCPHN Psychological Services Program. Details are available at:

www.healthyc.com.au/Resources/Mental-Health-Alcohol-other-Drugs-Services/Psychological-Services-Program.aspx

We are also looking to commission new mental health services to better assist the estimated 14,000 people on the Gold Coast living with a severe mental illness. I would like to thank local GPs, service providers, service users and community members who have been involved in workshops to help us to understand and design new and better ways to provide community-based clinical care coordination services.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month during October is also an opportunity to talk to patients about their breast cancer risk and regular screenings. For evidence-based clinical practice guidelines in the management of cancer, visit the Queensland Department of Health website:
<https://canceraustralia.gov.au/clinical-best-practice/breast-cancer>

We also have useful information on our HealthyGC website at:
www.healthyc.com.au/cancer



Dr Lisa Beecham
General Practice Gold Coast (GPGC) Board Chair

GPGC is hosting a networking and education event on Saturday 11 November at Gold Coast Primary Health Network. This will be an excellent chance to catch up with colleagues, find out the latest information on providing medical services to other doctors and being a doctor's doctor. There will be updates on cervical screening, travel medicine and skin cancer. Please mark it in your diary and come along.

Mental Health Awareness Week is also being held this month. This is a timely reminder for all GPs to look after their own mental health and to offer support for patients. The Black Dog Institute also has excellent resources in their online psychological toolkit. More information is available on page 4.

GPGC recently held an information evening on small group learning. So far two groups have been set up to start activities in the next month. If you are interested in joining a small group and you missed out on this evening please email:
admin@gpgc.com.au to register your interest.

As it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, all patients over 40 should consider having a mammogram. Patients can register electronically for appointments on the Breastscreen Queensland website: www.breastscreen.qld.gov.au/make-appointment.asp

GPGC Networking and Education Day

November 11, 2017, 8.30am - 3pm
Gold Coast Primary Health Network, Robina

Presentations on being a doctor's doctor, cervical and skin cancer screening and what's new in travel. Find out more:

Visit: www.healthyc.com.au/professionalevents

Practices invited to attend planning workshops for the Commonwealth Games

Gold Coast Primary Health Network is strongly recommending general practices attend business planning workshops to discuss how the Commonwealth Games might affect them and to start the planning process.

During the Commonwealth Games from April 4-15 next year, there will be daily changes to the road network which will mean that moving through the city will require careful planning and everyone may need to make temporary changes to their usual travel behaviour.

To help businesses, free, GC2018 Travel Advice for business planning workshops are currently being held.

Attendance at a workshop will provide:

- An overview of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games including location of events, size, scale and duration.
- Detailed information about the temporary changes to the transport network near your business and throughout the Gold Coast.
- Practical advice and support to help you understand potential challenges and how to plan for them.
- A supportive environment to develop your personalised GC2018 travel plan.

To find out more visit:
www.getsetforthegames.com/business



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

Early Pregnancy Assessment Service

GPs are advised that women less than 16 weeks pregnant who are experiencing complications including miscarriage, minor bleeding and/or pain can be referred directly to Gold Coast Health's Early Pregnancy Assessment and Management Service (EPAMS).

GPs are advised to fax their referral letter and relevant blood and ultrasound results to EPAMS on 07 5687 7892 so an appointment can be made at the patient's earliest convenience.

The clinic is located on the lower ground floor at the Gold Coast University Hospital. GPs can phone EPAMS on 07 5687 5061 Monday to Friday from 8am to 4pm if they have other queries.



Direct access colonoscopy templates

Referral templates for the new Gold Coast Health Direct Access Colonoscopy service are now available under the Gastroenterology tab at: www.healthyc.com.au/referrals

The Direct Access Colonoscopy Service enables GPs to directly refer selected patients for a colonoscopy if they are: aged under 50; present because of rectal bleeding; have a body mass index of less than 35; and significant anaesthetic risks have been excluded.

Previously all patients were first offered appointments in the Endoscopy Assessment Clinic, which added to patient waiting times for their tests.

GPs encouraged to screen patients - STIs on the rise on the Gold Coast

Notifications of sexually transmissible infections (STIs) are on the rise on the Gold Coast, with 2017 seeing almost doubled rates of gonorrhoea and higher than average rates of chlamydia, syphilis and HIV.

Dr Maree O'Sullivan, Medical Director at Gold Coast Sexual Health Service (GCSHS) said these figures are a reminder for GPs to screen all at-risk patients.

"We need GPs to screen all at-risk patients. The majority of STIs are asymptomatic, so it is important for GPs to remain vigilant," Dr O'Sullivan said.

"GPs are welcome to contact the GCSHS for advice on testing and management of STIs."

Headache trial on the Gold Coast

The George Institute for Global Health is conducting an NHMRC funded migraine prevention study and inviting GPs to refer adults aged 18-65 years with episodic migraine (2-14 days/month) and SBP >130mmHg OR DBP > 80 mmHg, to be screened at the QUT Mermaid Waters study site. The HeadAche Prevention Project (HAPPY trial) is testing whether migraine is prevented by blood pressure lowering or cholesterol lowering medications compared with standard therapy or placebo. For more information contact Ruth Freed at rfreed@georgeinstitute.org.au. Participants can find out more at <http://headacheaustralia.org.au> or call 1800 397 371.

Gold Coast AMA awards and privacy seminar

Friday 3 November 9am – 12noon Southport Sharks, Southport
The AMA Queensland is presenting a private practice seminar about awards and privacy changes 2018 and ensuring the financial health of your practice. Speakers include George Sotiris, Workplace Relations Manager, AMA Queensland and Paul Copeland, Director, Business Advisory, William Buck Accountants. Presentations will help practices understand major changes to be introduced in 2018 about modern awards and the privacy framework. Visit: www.healthyc.com.au/Events/2947.aspx

Meals on Wheels can assist your patients

Meals on Wheels is reminding GPs that meal options are available for the aged and disabled in the Gold Coast community. Volunteer staff will deliver meals and take time to monitor and have a chat with clients. For further information contact 07 5596 1026 between Monday to Friday, 8am-1pm.

Gold Coast's first colposcopy clinic has opened

The Gold Coast's first dedicated colposcopy clinic has opened at Gold Coast Private Hospital, giving women access to an outpatient service offering cervical examinations, biopsies and Loop Excision of the Transformation Zone (LETZ) in minutes, under local anaesthetic. The clinic is designed to ease the anxiety around an abnormal Pap smear and the cost associated with follow up testing and treatment.

Asthma Australia workshops for health professionals

Asthma Australia is offering six online modules, aligned with a typical patient asthma education checklist, to guide health professionals through a range of asthma management topics to assist in the provision of patient asthma education. Visit: <https://asthmaonline.org.au/product/asthma-workshop-series-for-health-professionals>

Hospital Heroes Ball

The annual Hospital Heroes ball is being held on Saturday October 14, 2017 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre. This fundraising activity by the Gold Coast Hospital Foundation helps provide treatment and services to support more than 95 000 patients per year. More details are available: www.gcccc.com.au/gold-coast-hospital-foundation-hospital-heroes-ball.html

GPs are also welcome to refer patients to the GCSHS at either Southport or Palm Beach, which offers a free and confidential STI service including testing, treatment, management and contact tracing.

The Southport service also offers HIV management as well as pre and post-exposure prophylaxis for HIV. Appointments are required to see a doctor or nurse and an express walk-in service is also available for people without symptoms. Clients can be self or healthcare professional referred.

Gold Coast Sexual Health Service can be contacted on 07 5687 9200, or for further information including surveillance data on STIs and notifiable conditions visit: www.goldcoast.health.qld.gov.au/our-services/sexual-health

Mental Health Week October 8 - 14

Queensland Mental Health Week is an opportunity to acknowledge the importance of mental health and wellbeing and to celebrate the service of mental health workers. Organisers say this year's goal is to encourage more Queenslanders to value their mental health, while working together to reduce stigma.

A number of events are being held across Queensland with information available at: www.qldmentalhealthweek.org.au

Mental health event for GPs

As part of mental health week, and to acknowledge World Mental Health Day, Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) and Health Care have organised this mental health education evening for health professionals.

Tuesday 10 October 2017, 6pm - 9.30pm

The Glades Golf Club, 1 Glades Drive, Robina

Details: www.healthycg.com.au/SpeedPsychiatryWMHD

GP/practice nurse event Alcohol and Other Drugs

Exploring the use/management of prescription drugs in primary care

November 15, 6pm - 8.30pm,

Sharks Event Centre, Southport

GPs and practice nurses are invited to attend this GCPHN event focusing on opioid use and identifying misuse, the up-scheduling of codeine and the impact on GPs, and upcoming changes to the electronic transfer of medication summaries between the Hospital and Health Service to GPs. Details available at:

www.healthycg.com.au/professionalevents

Mental health services to assist the LGBTIQAP+ community

GPs are reminded that there are a number of services to assist members of the LGBTIQAP+ community.

If they are experiencing mental health issues, GPs can refer patients into the GCPHN Psychological Services Program for individuals with moderate mental health conditions, who are financially disadvantaged and would benefit from short-term psychological services. For details, visit:

www.healthycg.com.au/Resources/Mental-Health-Alcohol-other-Drugs-Services/Psychological-Services-Program.aspx

For mild anxiety and depression, health and wellbeing groups for the LGBTIQAP+ community, run by health professionals, are starting soon on the Gold Coast. Patients can email:

lowintensity@guidelight.com.au or darra@neaminational.org.au for further information.

Professional education for GPs

Black Dog Institute Health Professional education is for GPs, psychologists, counsellors, social workers and mental health care workers looking to expand their knowledge and skills in the area of mental health. Accredited programs draw on the most current research and clinical evidence with interactive, case-based workshops led by expert clinical facilitators who inform theory with practical, real world examples. To find out more, including upcoming accredited health professional education workshops visit: https://blackdoginstitute.secure.force.com/forms/bdi_EducationCourseLanding

Bowel cancer prevention

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners' Guidelines for preventive activities in General Practice provides guidance on bowel cancer screening. For your patients, you are asked to:

- Encourage those who are sent a screening test and for whom the test is clinically relevant, to participate.
- Assess those with a positive result and refer them for further examination as clinically indicated, for example a colonoscopy.
- Indicate whether a patient referred for colonoscopy is a program participant to assist with reporting to the program register. Program stickers are available by calling the Information Line on 1800 118 868.
- Notify the program register of referral/non referral for colonoscopy or other bowel examination for participants with a positive result. This can be done by returning the program's GP Assessment Form electronically, fax or post. Provision of information will attract a payment.
- Inform patients at average risk, or slightly above, that the NHMRC guidelines recommend screening at least once every two years from the age of 50.
- Manage patients identified as being at increased risk of bowel cancer in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Guidelines.
- Manage patients (of any age) with symptoms in accordance with the NHMRC Guidelines, in recognition that bowel cancer can occur at any age.

The Cancer Council Australia's National Cancer Control Policy: Bowel Screening, provides evidence on why the FOBT is the recommended screening tool for bowel cancer.

View the RACGP guidelines at:

www.racgp.org.au/your-practice/guidelines/redbook/9-early-detection-of-cancers/92-colorectal-cancer/

9.2 Colorectal cancer



Cancer Council workshops

The Cancer Council Queensland is holding a number of workshops that may be of interest to health professionals or patients.

Community Support and Information Session: Moving on after breast cancer treatment

Cancer Council Queensland offer a range of support and information sessions for people affected by cancer or their family and friends. To register:

<https://cancerqld.org.au/get-support/community-events/information-sessions/>

Healthy Educators' Workshops

These aim to advise Queensland educators on cancer prevention and healthy living through a series of educational workshops. Healthy living as well as early detection and cancer screening are the focus. To register:

<https://cancerqld.org.au/cancer-prevention/programs-resources/healthy-educators-workshops/>

My Health for Life information packs

Gold Coast practices are currently receiving information packs about the My Health For Life evidence-based prevention program, for Queenslanders who are at high risk of chronic disease, including type 2 diabetes, heart disease and stroke. GPs can directly refer eligible patients into the program following a risk assessment using an absolute cardiovascular disease calculator tool. GP information is available on the HealthyGC website at: <https://healthygc.com.au/Resources/Population-Health/Prevention.aspx#11524>

Nutrition master classes for nurses

My Nutrition Clinic is holding master classes for nurses and health professionals. The workshops have been endorsed by the Australian College of Nursing and provide up to 10 CPD hours for each day. The courses are run at Bond University at Robina and are presented by experienced dietitians, a diabetes educator, a wound nurse and a speech pathologist.

November 10 - Nutrition Masterclass 1, 8am-5 pm

Topics include: allergy and fussy eating in children, kidney disease, GI disorders, chronic pain, dementia and more.

December 10 - Nutrition Masterclass 2, 8am-5pm

Topics include: malnutrition, diabetes and obesity in older people, wound care and nutrition, dysphagia and more.



To find out more: www.mynutritionclinic.com.au/Nutrition-services/training

SAVE THE DATE

Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) Practice Events

November 2 2017

Reception Staff Forum
How you Influence a Patient's Experience. Update on GCPHN programs and managing patients with a focus on mental health and aged care. 6pm registration. 6.30pm - 8.30pm, Arts Centre Gold Coast. For reception staff.

November 21 2017

Why wounds won't heal
6pm registration. 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Sharks Event Centre, Southport. For GPs/practice nurses.

MORE INFORMATION

www.healthygc.com.au/professionalevents

November 7 2017

Practice Manager Breakfast
Networking and educational opportunity. 7.15am - 9am Gold Coast Primary Health Network, Robina

November 9 2017

Collaborative Practice Meeting focus on mental health
6pm registration. 6.30pm-8.30pm, Sharks Event Centre, Southport For GPs, practice nurses and practice managers.

Improving practice IT security

Following a recent notification from a Gold Coast practice of a Ransomware attack, it is timely to review your IT security processes to ensure that maximum measures have been implemented to protect your general practice database. The RACGP has recommendations online at:

www.racgp.org.au/your-practice/standards/computer-and-information-security-standards

The Australian Digital Health Agency recommendations

The Australian Digital Health Agency has a number of recommendations to protect against cyber security threats.

- Use antivirus and firewall software (such as an internet security suite) and enable automatic updates.
- Use password protection for all devices (e.g. computers, tablets and mobile phones).
- Back up your data regularly to a removable storage device which is stored separately from your computer.
- Don't open suspicious email attachments, and don't click on links within an email (type the address into your internet browser window instead).
- Be aware of the latest online scams – review information on the Stay Smart Online website and subscribe to the alert service to receive regular updates.
- Make sure your computer operating system and applications are up to date (wherever possible, set automatic updates to ensure any security patches are downloaded and installed).
- Don't send sensitive information via email, unless you encrypt it first. If you do send an encrypted file via email, make sure you don't email the encryption password to the recipient – give it to them verbally or send them an SMS.

FOR FURTHER DIGITAL HEALTH INFORMATION

www.healthygc.com.au/digitalhealth

Practice Tips

1

CAT4 data cleansing

In addition to regular monthly archiving of patients who haven't been seen in a set timeframe, it is also important to monitor and remove duplicate patient records. This can be an easy process using the CAT4 data extraction tool.

Instructions are here: [www.healthygc.com.au/Resources/Practice-Support/Data-Management-\(Clinical-Audit-Tools-CAT\).aspx#10311](http://www.healthygc.com.au/Resources/Practice-Support/Data-Management-(Clinical-Audit-Tools-CAT).aspx#10311)
If you are interested in finding out how your practice can have access to the Cat 4 data extraction tool, please contact the Gold Coast Primary Health Network Practice Support Team on practicesupport@gcphn.com.au

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Support for nurses

A 24/7 national support service for nurses and midwives is now available providing access to confidential advice and referral. Visit www.nmsupport.org.au or phone 1800 667 877

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Diabetes foot care online course - free

The Diabetic Foot is a free, online, self-paced course provided by the Clinical Skills Development Service. This eLearning course supports the implementation of national and international best practice guidelines for foot care for people with diabetes. The course is aimed at clinicians and is a valuable resource for healthcare professionals working with diabetic foot complications. Visit: <https://healthygc.com.au/Resources/Chronic-Conditions/Diabetes-Endocrinology.aspx#9334>

Gold Coast Primary Health Network Area				
Notifiable diseases	August 2017	August (5 Yr Mean)	YTD 2017	Total for 2016
Vaccine Preventable				
Measles	-	<3	3	-
Pertussis#	10	23	98	269
Rubella	-	-	-	-
Influenza (Lab confirmed)	2622	676	4159	2353
Mumps	-	<3	6	7
Varicella	76	60	632	976
Bloodborne				
Hepatitis B (Newly Acquired)	<3	<3	3	4
Hepatitis B (Unspecified)	8	8	64	122
Hepatitis C	17	21	156	288
Gastrointestinal				
Campylobacter	39	41	515	710
Cryptosporidiosis	5	3	100	228
Hepatitis A (All)	-	<3	<3	9
Rotavirus	31	10	120	98
Salmonellosis (All)	20	22	350	506
Sexually transmitted				
Chlamydia (All Forms)	259	220	2226	3007
Gonorrhoea (All Forms)	40	31	481	607
Syphilis (Infectious <2yr dur)	11	6	81	47
Arboviral disease				
Ross River Virus	4	8	108	108
Barmah Forest Virus*	-	5	17	12
Other diseases				
Q Fever	-	<3	5	10
Legionella	-	<3	3	3
Meningococcal (Invasive)	<3	<3	6	4
Pneumococcal (Invasive)	4	5	27	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 Sept 8 2017 Qld Health NCOS database

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



Zostavax vaccine reminder for seniors

GPs are reminded to offer their senior patients the Zostavax vaccine, (if not contraindicated) which is available for 70-year-olds with a five year catch up program for 71-79 year olds.

New research shows that many seniors are not aware they have an opportunity for a free vaccination under the National Immunisation Program.

The chance of developing shingles, along with the risk of complications, increases with age, particularly over the age of 70 and one in three people may develop shingles in their lifetime.

GPs should also ensure the patient completes a pre-vaccination checklist to screen patients before they receive their Zostavax injection.

This checklist is available at:
<https://www.healthycg.com.au/Resources/Population-Health/Immunisation.aspx#9426>



Promoting free Meningococcal vaccine to teens

With a slow uptake of the free Meningococcal ACWY vaccination for 15-19 year-olds on the Gold Coast since its release in May this year, local GPs are encouraged to look at opportunities to promote this important vaccine.

The Meningococcal ACWY vaccination protects teenagers against four strains of meningococcal disease, covering the A, C, W and Y strains.

Practice software is useful in identifying this cohort of patients to enable

reminders to be sent out via SMS, letter or phone.

If you would like assistance from GCPHN to implement a process to target eligible patients please contact your Practice Support Officer or email practicesupport@gcphn.com.au

QHIP have advised that practices can order as many Meningococcal ACWY vaccines as they can use in their monthly order, provided they have fridge capacity.



From this month, Gold Coast Primary Health Network and the Gold Coast Public Health Unit are raising community awareness about the importance of this vaccine.

A short video featuring information about the importance of vaccination is available at:
https://youtu.be/F_OPR2I_mPU

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



VR GP required at 188 Medical

188 Medical state-of-the art GP-owned practice is looking for a VR GP.

- private billing, full-time, RN support and pathology onsite
- great location opposite Harbourside with on-site parking
- excellent support staff
- great work life balance

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

MyHealth seeking GPs at Pacific Fair and Helensvale

- high quality, multidisciplinary family practice
- modern and well managed fully equipped facility
- remuneration is highly competitive
- nursing support

Myhealth Medical Centres at Helensvale and Pacific Fair take pride in offering the highest standard of medical care to patients and a friendly, accessible and professional service.

Contact: Lesley Aberdeen on 0410 944 856 or email:

lesley.aberdeen@myhealth.net.au

Helensvale practice seeking GP

- full time/part time
- DWS in place
- long establishment within shopping centre
- RN/pathology/pharmacy on site
- non-corporate - friendly team
- excellent earning potential from day one

Contact: Dr. Gazi 0422343983 or email: iagazi@hotmail.com

Hope Island/Homeworld Helensvale seeking skin GP

- full-time position from January 2018
- significant sessional work prior, if earlier commencement desired
- current skin cancer medicine specialist GP moving to semi-retirement
- an existing patient base and opportunity to expand specific skin cancer service
- the GP will have special interest, experience and certifications in skin cancer medicine, maintain a general practice component and participate in the Saturday morning roster
- busy, family friendly, mixed billing and quality AGPAL accredited practice
- attractive remuneration
- RN supported

Contact: Anthea Blower 0419 199 319 or anthea@himc.com.au

VR GP to work with youth

Headspace Southport is seeking a VR GP with a passion for youth and mental health.

- AHPRA registration
- full-time/part-time, flexible hours (to suit your requirements)
- 80 per cent remuneration and bulk billing
- treatment room
- fully computerised
- no after hours or weekend work
- a large and constantly growing patient base.

Our medical centre has up-to-date equipment and free underground parking for staff and patients. You will be accompanied by an experienced practitioner and staff.

Contact: Michele on 0438 955 859 or email:

Michele.reeves@liveslivedwell.org.au

Holistic GP/Acupuncture GP at Happiness in Health

An opportunity exists to join a busy holistic practice in West Burleigh.

- current practitioners include two GPs, two naturopaths and two psychologists
- applicant must have a passion for holistic medicine, and ideally ACNEM training.
- acupuncture and TCM are also highly desired skills

Contact: Melanie on 07 552 07511 or mel@happinessinhealth.com.au

Place a free job notification

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

Alternatively email communications@gcphn.com.au

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Nerang practice seeking VR/non VR

Seeking a part-time GP, for our fully accredited practice in Nerang.

- flexible hours to suit you
- open Monday to Saturday
- immediate start
- bulk and private billing
- rates negotiable
- on site parking

If you are interested in joining our friendly team, call or send an email.

Contact: Rhonda Hegarty Practice Manager on 07 5596 1333 or email: nffpdoctors@gmail.com

Varsity Lakes seeking VR GP for nursing home visits

We are looking for a VR GP to do some nursing home visits.

- part-time hours are negotiable, flexible with days
- nurse assisted rounds at all times
- growing business with 150 patients across the eight nursing homes that we currently have
- more nursing home are waiting for our service.

Contact: Marlo Ward on 07 5580 8628 or manager@varsitydn.com.au

RN with GP clinic experience

We are looking for an enthusiastic RN with General Practice experience to join our expanding team at Surfers Paradise.

- free undercover parking
- one hour lunch break
- flexible working days

Contact: Emily on 07 5539 8200 or reception@paradisecitymedical.com.au

Hope Island General Practice seeking practice nurse

- part-time or casual and flexible working hours available
- accomplished in treatment room duties such as childhood immunisations, wound care, triage, recalls, stock ordering, cold chain management and assisting in minor procedures, chronic disease management, health assessments, care plans, ECGs, spirometry, ear syringe, etc.
- current AHPRA registration and CPR certificate is required, and experience with Best Practice would be desired, but not essential.

Contact: Wendy Sullivan 07 5515 1616 or wsullivan@hopeislandgp.com.au

Labrador surgery seeking practice nurse

Practice nurse required for busy Labrador practice for 15-20 hours per week.

- experience essential
- use of Best Practice Software desirable
- all aspects of General Practice - wound care, chronic disease management, childhood vaccinations, and generally providing support to the team of GPs.
- friendly, family practice in a supportive environment.

Contact: Practice Manager 07 5529 1966 or drsathome506@gmail.com

Cosmetic nurse at Paradise City Medical Centre

- hours and days can be flexible
- free parking
- open weekends and Tuesday and Thursday evenings
- Surfers Paradise location

Contact: Emily on 07 5539 8200 or reception@paradisecitymedical.com.au

Currumbin Waters seeking medical receptionist

We are seeking a well organised, flexible and communicative individual, who will work as part of our team of doctors, nurses, receptionists and admin staff. This is a part-time, casual position, approximately 20 hours.

- experience working in General Practice
- experience using patient management software
- friendliness, reliability and self-motivation
- a strong focus on customer service and attention to detail
- a clear understanding of, and success in, the multi-tasking requirements of general practice reception

Contact: practicemanager@harmonyhealthmedical.com.au

GC Medical Precinct seeking medical receptionist

- located in Varsity Lakes
- experience and be familiar with Medical Director and Pracsoft
- casual position for December - January, 25 - 30hrs, position may continue into February

Contact: Meena on 07 5562 2910 or mg@gcmp.com.au

Broadwater surgery seeking medical receptionist

An experienced medical receptionist is required for 15-20 hours in a busy expanding practice

- experience is essential, use of Best Practice would be highly regarded
- friendly team of staff and doctors to work with

The successful applicant would have an enthusiastic approach to customer service and would be able to work independently.

Contact: Practice Manager 07 5529 1966 or drsathome506@gmail.com

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.healthycg.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.healthycg.com.au/professionalevents

October 10 2017 GCPHN Professional Events Speed Psychiatry Event

6pm - 9.30pm, Glades Golf Club, Robina
Mental health education evening for GPs to mark World Mental Health Day.

Oct 11 2017

Finding ME: Women's Self Esteem Program

Shifting Consumer Control/Mental Health Act

Endometriosis Information Session

October 12 2017 GCPHN Professional Events Immunisation Catch-Up Workshop

8.30am-4pm, GCPHN Robina
For GPs and practice nurses working in childhood immunisation

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/ME: UNREST

Griffith Uni Institute for Glycomics Annual Dinner

Day 1: Understand Alzheimer's

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/ME: Documentary

October 14 2017

Pediatric Masterclass for General Practice

Skin Cancer Certificate Courses

Oct 17 2017

Joint Clinical Meeting: SHSQ and ASHM - HIV Transmission from Mother to Child

Oct 17 2017

Mater Urogynaecology and Neurosurgery

Oct 19 2017

Day 2: Understand Alzheimer's

Diabetes management for health professionals

Oct 21 2017

2017 Walk Together event, Southport

Oct 23 2017

Communicating with Sign Workshop 1

Oct 25 2017

DESMOND: Free education workshop for people living with type 2 diabetes

Moving on after breast cancer treatment

Oct 26 2017

Day 3: Understand Alzheimer's

Diabetes management for health professionals

Oct 27 2017

'Good Life, Good Death' Community Expo

Oct 28 2017

Moving Ahead: The National Cervical Screening Program Renewal

Oct 30 2017

Communicating with Sign Workshop 2

Nov 1

**GCPHN Professional Event
Otitis Media and Aural Health Program**

8.45am-4.30pm, GCPHN, Robina
Develop professional skills working in Indigenous health to safely assess the aural health of individuals.

Nov 1 2017

Health Services and Policy Research Conference

Nov 2 2017

**GCPHN Professional Event
Reception Staff Forum**

How to Influence a Patient's Experience
6.30pm - 8.30pm Arts Centre Gold Coast.
For practice reception staff

Crystal Clear: Responding to Methamphetamine

Diabetes management for health professionals

Nov 3 2017

Gold Coast AMA awards and privacy seminar

Nov 4 2017

GP Education Women's Health 2 Day Conference

Stepping Stones to Success course

Nov 6 2017

1st Asia Pacific Conference on Integrated Care

Australasian HIV and AIDS Conference

Nov 7 2017

**GCPHN Professional Event
Practice Manager Breakfast**

7.15am - 9am, GCPHN. For practice managers

Nov 8 2017

Screening Tool for Assessing Risk of Suicide

Nov 9 2017

**GCPHN Professional Event
Collaborative Practice Meeting - mental health focus**
6.30pm-8.30pm Sharks Event Centre, Southport.
For GPs, practice managers, practice nurses

Nov 11 2017

GPGC Networking and Education Day
8.30am-3pm, GCPHN, Robina

Presentations for GPs on being a doctors' doctor, cervical/skin cancer screening, travel information.

Nov 15 2017

**GCPHN Professional Event
Use/management prescription drugs in primary care**
November 15, 6pm - 8.30pm, Sharks Event Centre
For GPs and practice nurses

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