

## July/August 2008

### CDGP Workshops:

**CPR Update: for GPs and PNs.**  
**Venue: Canning Division of General Practice.**  
**Date: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2008**  
**Time: 7pm to 9pm**  
**(Light dinner at 6.30pm)**

**Immunisation update: for GPs and PNs**  
**Venue: Association for the Blind**  
**Date: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2008**  
**Time: 7pm to 9pm**  
**(Light dinner at 6.30pm)**

## Other Providers' Education

### **Graduate Certificate in Nursing (General Practice) – University of Queensland**

The University of Queensland is now accepting enrolments for the Graduate Certificate in Nursing (General Practice) for second semester 2008. The Graduate Certificate has been formulated to fit in with the busy schedules of practising nurses and is available via distance education. The course consists of four subjects that can be completed on a full-time or part-time basis and is available Australia wide. For further information please refer to the website – Graduate Certificate in Nursing (General Practice) – or contact the Program Coordinator, Jacqui Young at [j.young4@uq.edu.au](mailto:j.young4@uq.edu.au) (AGPN Nursing News June 2008).  
[http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad\\_prog=5392](http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad_prog=5392)

### **Stories from the Frontline RCNA General Practice Nurse Conference**

The 2008 RCNA General Practice Nurse Conference will be held from the 25-27<sup>th</sup> November at the Novotel Pacific Bay Resort in Coffs Harbour. The call for abstracts will be available shortly.

AGPN is assisting RCNA in sourcing practice nurses who would be interested in presenting in the "Stories from the Frontline" Session. This session provides an opportunity for first

time presenters to give a short presentation of around 10 minutes sharing their experience of practice nursing. This session has been rated very highly by delegates at previous conferences.

To register your interest or seek further information please contact Beta Chakraverty at [bchakraverty@agpn.com.au](mailto:bchakraverty@agpn.com.au) or (02) 6228 0858. **Please note** that presenters in the Stories from the Frontline session will receive financial support to cover travel expenses and registration costs, through the Divisions Network NiGP Program (AGPN Nursing News June 2008).

### Item 10997

Medicare states: "This item is to be used where the practice nurse is monitoring the patient/collecting information on patient progress between reviews of care plans.

MBS item 10997 cannot be claimed on the same day as a review of a care plan (eg MBS item 725/727). The intention of the statement that item 10997 can be used for collection of information to support the GP reviews of care plans, is for this item to be used where the practice nurse is monitoring the patient/collecting information on patient progress between reviews of care plans, but which will be used by the GP in undertaking the review of the patient's progress rather than for assistance in undertaking the actual review of the care plan. The MBS item for the review of the care plan was constructed to take account of the time the practice nurse spends in assisting with this."

### Get Set 4 Life books.

There seems to have been some confusion about practices receiving these books to support the item 709/711. We had received information to say these were being posted to GPs without the need to order, however Canberra has advised that practices DO need to ring and order.

The phone number for DoHA publications to order direct is  
02 6269 1080/ 1800 198 008  
Or 08 9346 5111