

GP Week 2009! –the October update

It is on again at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital! Friday 27 November to Saturday 28 November 2009

5 weeks left to register!

GP week is 2 days of education aimed at GPs and Practice Nurses of all levels of experience. We have continued with the 2 day program in recognition of GPs being time poor and a full week off work to attend education is no longer appealing to many health professionals.

On offer this year are more small group workshops, which was requested in last year's feedback.

Speakers such as Professor Alistair McLennan (HRT in 2009), Dr Stephen McDonald (TQEH Renal Unit), Dr John Miller (ovarian cancer) and Dr Pat Phillips (Testosterone and Men's Health) are all confirmed and excited about taking part in this year's event. A recent addition to the event is Dr Peter Bampton and a multidisciplinary team approach to Irritable Bowel Syndrome.

GP week 2009 commences on Friday November 27th with sessions highlighting the investigation and management of COPD, skin cancer, anaemia and chronic renal impairment. These common problems are all increasing in frequency in General Practice and our experienced presenters will bring you the current information on treatment options and tips and tricks for management.

Saturday November 28th has sessions on Gene Testing –now and in the future, HRT and its role in clinical care today, ovarian cancer, paediatric emergencies and testosterone deficiency and its impact on men's health across the ages.

Our workshops include clinical sessions on ECG, eyes, diabetes skills, basic life support, musculoskeletal medicine, plastering skills, mental health, osteoporosis, as well as workshops to increase your skills with Medical Director, Zedmed, PENCILS Clinical Audit Tool, Practice Health Atlas and a new session on maximising teaching opportunities in your practices.

RACGP QA points will be applied for at category 2 level.

BONUS OFFER!-To encourage GPs and Practice Nurses to share training, which will maximise knowledge and new skills in your practice, there will be no charge for the Practice Nurse to register if a GP registers with their Practice Nurse!

Additionally there are discounted registration fees for GP Registrars, and AMC trainees.

EXTRA BONUS OFFER FOR TEACHING PRACTICES! If a GP supervisor registers for the 2 days, the practice's GP registrar or PGPPP junior doctor can register for free. Sharing the training can be a good activity for follow up back at the practice.

Information regarding registration is via the Adelaide Western General Practice Network, 08-82443822 and talk to Jenny Reeve, or email jenny.reeve@awgpn.org.au
The draft program will be available on the AWGPN website www.awgpn.org.au

I look forward to seeing you at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital in November.

Regards,

Dr Chris Bollen
Convenor of GP week 2009