

# Key Notes -the news in brief



## Diabetes Patient Information Sessions

Type 1 in the City - The 'C' Word. When: 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm on Wednesday 17 February 2010. Location: Charles Latrobe Theatre, Royal Melbourne Hospital Function and Convention Centre, Ground floor, Grattan St, Carlton. The first in a series of six information sessions for people with Type 1 diabetes. Presented by A/Professor Alicia Jenkins, Endocrinologist, St Vincent's Hospital. Will up-date patients with the latest information on the prevention and treatment of diabetes complications. Bookings essential 1300 136 588. Cost - \$5 for DA-Vic Members plus one guest. \$15 for non-members.

Source: Sarah Kleinitz, Program Support Officer Maximum Care

## Want the opportunity to win two GOLD CLASS TICKETS?

- 1) Simply got to [www.knoxdiv.com.au](http://www.knoxdiv.com.au)
- 2) Completed the 2010 PN or PM survey (depending on what you are!) by accessing the links available
- 3) The survey takes 4 minutes (I timed it myself!)
- 4) Survey must be completed by 19 Feb 2010 to be in the running!!!
- 5) Cross your fingers and hope for the best  
Hope I'm calling you as the winner!!

Source: Fleur Dymond, Business Improvement Coordinator

## COMVAX<sup>®</sup> stock expires now

ALL remaining stocks of COMVAX vaccine expire now. Even though the box may indicate an expiry of February 2010 many ampoules indicate an expiry of 02 February 2010. If you are holding unused stock of COMVAX in your vaccine refrigerator, please discard it into your biohazard waste bin now. COMVAX (Hepatitis B and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b antigens) vaccine was removed from routine use in the Victorian immunisation infant schedule in March 2008. COMVAX vaccine was replaced by the combination vaccine *Infanrix hexa*<sup>®</sup> (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Hepatitis B, Poliomyelitis, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b). Please direct any further enquiries to the Immunisation program on 1300 882 008

Source: Raylea O'Loughlin, Clinical Services Coordinator

## Malignant Disease in female patients

Designed for GPs the session will cover an overview of common gynecological cancers by A/Prof Rob Rome and a breast cancer update by Miss Jane O'Brien. At the end of the session participants should be able to safely recognise signs and symptoms that may indicate the presence of gynecological malignance and to develop safe protocols for screening and diagnosing women at risk of breast cancer. 4 category 2 points will be awarded from the RACGP.

When: Wednesday 17 February, 6.15pm – 9.15pm. Where: Epworth Richmond, Auditorium, Level 2, 89 Bridge Road Richmond 3121 (Free car parking is available at Epworth Richmond – enter via Bridge Road). RSVP to Jenny Jones Ph: 9426 8997 Email: [jenny.jones@epworth.org.au](mailto:jenny.jones@epworth.org.au).

Source: Merissa Judkins, Patient Linkage Support Officer

## Locum Education Assistance Program (LEAP)

The rural *Locum Education Assistance program (LEAP)* has just been launched by the Minister as part of the Federal Government's Rural GP Locum Program.

Only 15 places have been allocated to both the RACGP and ACRRM respectively in the current financial year, so applications will be assessed on a first in first served basis and any interested GP's should apply ASAP. For further information please contact Pauline Curtis from the RACGP freecall on 1800 636 764 or 08 8267 8351; email [Pauline.curtis@racgp.org.au](mailto:Pauline.curtis@racgp.org.au) or visit <http://www.racgp.org.au/rural/traininggrants>

Source: Merissa Judkins, Patient Linkage Support Officer

## EVENT CALENDAR

### Eastern Health Mental Health Clinical Attachment PLEASE NOTE:

To complete the Clinical Attachment, you must attend all three (3) sessions, plus complete four (4) hours of clinical contact with Eastern Health. For more information, please contact:

Sarah Bowman on 03 9764 9898 or [sarahb@knoxdiv.com.au](mailto:sarahb@knoxdiv.com.au)

### Session 1 Tues 2nd March

6.15pm-9.00pm @ Wantirna Health

### Session 2 Tues 23rd March

6.15pm-9.00pm @ Wantirna Health

### Session 3 Tues 20th April

6.15pm-9.00pm @ Wantirna Health

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