



Search our Health Service Directory

Recently updated addition to www.gpdownsouth.com.au

Make your search for professional health providers easier!

The recent launch of the GP down south website challenged us to improve our
Health Service Directory.

Go to the Health Services Directory, click on the centrally located HSD Icon and you can;

- Find Allied Health Professionals, GPs, Pharmacies, Dentists, Residential Aged Care Facilities and Specialists that provide services in your patients' home town or beyond
- With over 55 specialty listings you can refine your search even further
- Save time! Print name, address and phone details of selected health professionals for your reference and for your patients
- Let GP down south know if your listing needs updating or to add details of new GPs or services available at your practice



StateAlert delivers emergency warnings direct to you when lives may be in danger in your neighbourhood.

It's run by the State Government and registration is **FREE**.

All home phones (landlines), including silent numbers, are automatically registered. Mobile phones are automatically registered to the billing address which may be different to where you live. If you're not sure what address your mobile phone is registered to you should register.

You also need to register if you want to receive alerts by email or for up to three additional addresses. You may want to register multiple addresses if you own more than one property, work away from home or have a friend or relative with special needs

Make sure that if the emergency services need to warn you, they know how to reach you.

Please forward this message to your family and friends, especially those who don't have a home phone.

For more information view the [StateAlert](http://statealert.wa.gov.au/Vox/publicuser/) website.
<https://statealert.wa.gov.au/Vox/publicuser/>



Important Information for GP's

National Bowel Cancer Screening Program – resumed 2nd November 2009.

- The National Bowel Cancer Screening Program will resume from 2 November 2009.
- Around 600,000 test kits will be sent out nationally and the majority of WA participants affected by the temporary suspension of the Program will receive their replacement kit by March 2010.
- Approximately 30,000 Western Australians will be receiving their kit before Christmas 2009.
- Participants who registered a negative test with the faulty kits will be assigned the highest priority in receiving kits. Participants who had tested positive were not affected.
- The samples are heat sensitive

For more information and a list of specialists participating in the ASI and their location, please refer to the ASI website: www.gp.health.wa.gov.au/asi

Or call the Bowel Screening Helpline – 1800 118 868

For a copy of the article please visit our website www.gpdownsouth.com.au

<http://www.gpdownsouth.com.au/TheGrapevine.aspx> or contact Gill on 9754-3662 for a hard copy.

Rural Link to replace SW 24 – Mental Health Services in the South West

SW24 is to finish on January 26th 2010. Rural Link - the state wide provider of call centre based Mental Health services - has already begun providing call services to our region.

Anyone ringing the SW24 1800 555 336 number after midnight the 26/01/2010 will automatically be forwarded to the Rural Link number 1800 552 002 any calls prior to this will be managed by SW24.

Handover of the Mental Health Support Line - SW 24 to Rural Link

Any questions and queries will be answered



Wednesday 20th January 2010

Vineyard Auditorium - 32 Clifton St, Bunbury

10.30 - 12.30 and 14.00 - 16.00

And

Thursday 21st January 2010

Nelsons of Bridgetown

10.00 - 12.00



For more information and any queries please contact Kim Leggett (Project Manager) on: 0417 934 669

Or at kim.leggett@health.wa.gov.au

Helping Children with Autism Package Services for the South West

Parents with an ASD child can now access this funding to access services in the SW

Jenny Roberts (Occupational Therapist) is now a service provider and offers a home visiting service for families who require support and therapy in the comfort of their own home.

For more information about this service contact Jenny on: 0403 005 134
Or visit the following websites:

www.parentswantinghelp.com
www.jennyroberts.org.au



Busselton/Dunsborough GP Friday Morning Meeting (Small Group Learning)

The Friday Morning Meetings will commence on the **5th February 2010**.
The new roster has been distributed to practices and can also be found on our website
www.gpdownsouth.com.au > CPD calendar

South West Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre

The SW Centre has been part of a National Project to streamline the 1800 052 222 (Carelink) and 1800 059 059 (Respite) telephone networks.

The number is 1800 052 222 for both services

After hour calls will still be answered by our after hours contracted provider.

For more information please call Tina Newman on 9726-6700
Or email tnewman@redcross.org.au



Living with a Long Term Health Condition.

Living with a long term health condition is challenging.

GP down south is offering a **FREE** workshop to people with a chronic condition. Partners and carers are welcome.

Our **LIVING WITH A LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION** program is all about being actively involved in your own health care to maximise your quality of life.

It is about learning to cope with the challenges of living and caring for chronic conditions, learning to establish goals and treatment plans and solving problems along the way. **The course is held over a period of 6 weeks.**

1st Course will be held on

Tuesdays 9th February – 16th March 2010

9.00am – 12.00 noon

Uniting Church Fellowship Room

47 Kent Street, Busselton

Flyers and information have been delivered to all the Busselton Practices (ask the nurses) –

Please promote this course to your patients

For more information please call Gill on 9754-3662

WESTERN TRAUMA COURSE

Proudly presented by the
Western Australian Trauma Education Committee

This course includes sessions on:

Abdominal Trauma
Head Trauma
Thoracic Trauma
Paediatric Trauma
Stabilisation and Transfer

Interactive skill stations and lectures are presented

Mandurah

Venue: Peel Health Campus
Date: 6th March 2010
Time: 0745 - 1730 hrs

The cost is

\$ 350.00 (Medical)
\$ 250.00 (Nursing)
Includes a Course Manual,
Lunch and refreshments

- RACGP: This Active Learning Module has been approved by the RACGP QA & CPD Programme. Total Points: 40 (Category 1).
- ACRRM: 20 Points are available for this activity.
- ANZCA Cat 2/Level 2: 18 Points are available for this activity.
- The course has been approved for the Commonwealth Government Procedural Training Grant in emergency medicine.
- The course has been endorsed by Royal College of Nursing, Australia according to approved criteria. 8 Continuing Nurse Education (CNE) points have been allocated.

To obtain an application form please contact:

State Trauma Education and Development Coordinator
Trauma Education
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
Level 4 R Block
Verdun Street
Nedlands WA 6009

Applications Close: 6th February 2010

T: (08) 9346 3699

F: (08) 9346 1617

E: WATEC@health.wa.gov.au

W: www.health.wa.gov.au/watec



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