



# Farewell Karen



The Board and Staff bid Karen Hansen a fond farewell as she embarks on a new adventure travelling around Australia with her husband and dog Coco

Karen has been a valuable member of the GP down south staff and will be missed by all.

A new mental health program coordinator will be commencing on the 14<sup>th</sup> October  
In the interim any queries can be directed to Jackie Bowser or Amanda Poller on 9754-3662

## CONGRATULATIONS to all GPs and their practice teams!

**92.5%** of our GPs undertook GP Management Plans  
for their patients in 2008 - 2009.

This is the highest proportion of GPs in any one Division across our State!  
This is an increase from 2007-08 where 83.8% of GPs claimed GMPs and the Division ranked 3rd in the State.

**29%** of our GPs referred patients  
for a Home Medicines Review in 2008-09.

We ranked 4<sup>th</sup> highest Division in WA in terms of the proportion of GPs referring patients for HMR. in 2007 – 2008,  
15% of GP down south GPs referred patients for HMRs

## Attention Wellington GPs

We have received notification from the Education Department that there is currently a shortage of school psychologists at schools in your towns resulting in long waitlists for school children to access them. For this reason you may find the school psychologists may suggest parents and children visit their GPs seeking referral into our mental health service programs. If this is the case please consider this as an option to alleviate long waiting lists for children waiting to see a school psychologist.

## - Mental Health Programs -

Lower South West GPs please note

Joseph Presti will not be taking any new referrals until after the 16<sup>th</sup> November  
2009 **Enquiries please call Jackie on 9754-3662**

## GPs required for research project

Dr Lauren Breen is a researcher at the School of Psychology and Social Science at Edith Cowan University. With her colleagues, Dr Moira O'Connor and Professor Moyez Jiwa (both at Curtin University) they are conducting a research project to explore GPs understandings of their patients' grief and how GPs determine if a patient requires further assistance/treatment. Drs O'Connor and Breen are grief researchers and Professor Jiwa works as a GP in the northern suburbs of Perth. This project is funded by Edith Cowan University.

The researchers are looking for GPs to participate in 25 minute interview. The interviews will be at a time and place convenient for GP participants. The interview will be digitally-recorded and GPs will receive a \$50 Boffins voucher for their time. This voucher can be used at the Boffins online store. The research has the approval of the Edith Cowan University Ethics Committee.

If GPs are interested in participating in this research please contact Maria Fernandez, on 6304 5640, or [m.fernandez@ecu.edu.au](mailto:m.fernandez@ecu.edu.au), or Dr Breen on 6304 5162 during working hours. If you would like to talk to someone independent of the research, you may contact Ms Kim Gifkins, ECU's Research Ethics Officer, on (08) 6304 2170.



### T2DM Guideline Series: Blood Glucose Control, Patient Education in Type 2 Diabetes

This program is a 4 program series on Type 2 Diabetes, looking at two evidence based guidelines. The program discusses practice points and changes goals for management related to these guidelines

#### Dates

- Tuesday - 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009 - Blood glucose control
- Tuesday - 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009 - Diabetic Retinopathy, Chronic Kidney Disease
- Tuesday - 13<sup>th</sup> October - Prevention – Case detection and Diagnosis
- Tuesday - 10<sup>th</sup> November - Diabetes and Indigenous Australians

**WST 6.00pm Ch 4, repeated Fridays 10.00am Ch 23**

All GPs will soon be receiving a copy of the NHMRC endorsed guidelines

*Copies can be borrowed for viewing by calling Gill on 9754-3662*

## Panvax H1N1 Vaccine Order Forms – Peel and Southwest

**Please note there are two order forms attached –**

**One for Peel and one for the South West: please ensure you use the correct form**