

- The Top Practices -

Achieving the highest immunisation rates during the last quarter:



1. Duchess Medical Practice
2. Pemberton Medical Centre
3. Boyup Brook Medical Centre
4. Greenfields Family Practice
5. Collie River Valley Medical Centre
6. Kent Street Surgery
7. Peel Connolly Medical Centre
8. Modern Medical Centre
9. Mandurah Medical Centre
10. Murray Medical Centre, Dr Low's Surgery and Metcini.

GP down south's overall immunisation rate is 85.2%, which is slightly down on last quarter's performance.

If you would like to make some improvements within your Practice to improve your rates, the document **'Increasing childhood vaccination rates in your Practice'** is available on our website.

This workbook discusses simple measures that can be taken to ensure children that attend your Practice are up to date with their vaccines.

Please contact Denise Puddick at the Division on 9581-3352 if you require further information.

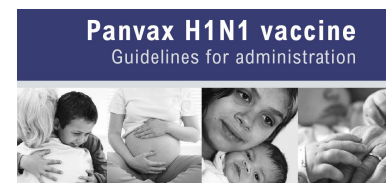
Panvax Supplies

The Panvax vaccine is due to be released on the 30th September 2009 in response to the Pandemic (H1N1) 2009. To assist General Practices in the roll out of this vaccine, GP down south has produced a summary detailing the guidelines for administration of the vaccine as suggested by the Department of Health.

This document entitled **Panvax Training** can be found on our website:



www.gpdownsouth.com.au
Under: Division Programs
Go to: Immunisation
Click on: Pandemic H1N1 .



In readiness for the release of Panvax, all General Practices have been requested to pre order their supplies. The Order Forms for either Peel or South West Panvax supplies are also available on the GP down south website.

If you have any queries about any aspect of Panvax vaccination please contact Denise on 9581-3352

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Will soon be consulting on Fridays at the:

**Busselton Specialist Centre
85 Bussell Highway,
Busselton.**

This will be a consultative service in general adult clinical haematology. This includes malignant haematology such as leukaemias, lymphoma and myeloma, and disorders such as anaemia, disordered iron metabolism, and haemostatic and thrombophilic disorders.

In addition to this clinical commitment, he will also be the Haematologist supervising at:

**General Pathology Services
19 Albert Street
Busselton (97512576).**

Dr Crawford is also consults at Mount Pathology, Perth (93223788) and General Pathology Services, Fremantle (94304850)

Patient bookings can be made now through the Mount Pathology Rooms on 94814599.

For queries in relation to clinical or laboratory practice or for urgent advice, general practitioners may contact Dr Crawford through 94814599 or 0412384735, or via the relevant laboratory.

The new consultation service in Busselton will commence on the 23rd October 2009

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An updated guide to
**“Shared Antenatal Care
in Peel”** produced by King
Edward Memorial Hospital
is available from Denise at
GP down south.

Anyone interested in
obtaining a copy, please call
9581-3352



Demystify Medicare

WAGP Network has been successful in securing the Medical Advisor from the Medicare Australia WA Office to present at a joint RACGP / WAGPN event as per the attached flyer.

http://www.wagpnetwork.com.au/client_images/286468.pdf

The event will be held:

Date: Saturday 24th October (9 – 11-30am).

Venue: Technology Park Function Centre

Cost: \$15

**This Workshop is open to GPs, Practice Nurses
and other practice staff.**



For a hard copy of the registration form,
please call Gill on 9754-3662





Launch of Musculoskeletal Guidelines for GPs in Australia



The RACGP for GPs has developed guidelines covering musculoskeletal prevention and early treatment. These guidelines are significant because most current clinical guidelines available are consensus based, agreed on by peers, rather than evidence based and there is very limited information on juvenile idiopathic arthritis available.

There are three guidelines covering:

Osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis and Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis launched on Friday 11th September. The guidelines are available for free and can be downloaded on the RACGP website at www.racgp.org.au/guidelines



Heart attack warning signs – reducing patient delay



The Heart Foundation is committed to reducing patient delay in responding to the warning signs of heart attack and calling Triple Zero (000). You can help.

In August 2009, the Heart Foundation launched the Warning Signs of Heart Attack campaign. The campaign is designed to educate people with coronary heart disease (CHD) and their families about:

- the warning signs of heart attack
- what to do; and
- why it's important to act quickly.

This is particularly important as people with CHD are at greater risk of heart attack than the general population.

As part of the campaign, the Heart Foundation has developed a *Will you recognise your heart attack?* action plan, patient fact sheet and health professional fact sheet.

You can help to reduce patient delay in calling Triple Zero (000). Give patients the action plan and patient fact sheet, along with education and counselling, before discharge from hospital following a coronary event, and during cardiac rehabilitation.

The action plan and fact sheets will be available in early September.

GPs will be able to receive up to five copies of the resources for their own use and to show in their practice.

For more information about these resources, visit http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Professional_Information/Pages/default.aspx

For information about campaign activities in your state, email warningsigns@heartfoundation.org.au.