

What's on in CPD

South West

Friday 12th February 2010

"Dermatology"

*A Pot pourri of dermatological conditions:
tricks and traps*

Presented by Dr Harvey Smith
Venue: The Goose Café – Busselton

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"The sword is mightier than the pen"

*New surgical innovations in the Management
of Morbidity Obese patients*

Presented by Dr Serenath Werapitiya
Venue: The Red Panda Café – Bridgetown

19th February 2010

"Skin Cancer"

Managing the epidemic

Presenter: Dr Carl Vinciullo
Venue: Australis – Margaret River

Peel

Friday 17th March 2010

"Dermatology"

*Modern Management of psoriasis and
eczema*

Presented by Dr Todd Gunson
Venue: Seashells Mandurah

Saturday 6th March 2010

"Western Trauma Course"

Presented by:
WA Trauma Education Committee
Venue: Peel Health Campus - Mandurah

For more details on these events
visit our website on

www.gpdownsouth.com.au
> CPD calendar

Busselton Small Group Learning will be commencing in the Friday 5th February 2010

Rosters have been distributed to all practices and are also available on the GP down south website



www.gpdownsouth.com.au > CPD calendar

or follow this link

<http://www.gpdownsouth.com.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=sk5ValPecG0%3d&tabid=57&mid=772>



MBS Mental Health Items Fee Schedule 2010

A quick reference fee schedule for the Mental Health MBS items as at January 1st 2010 and the associated rebates.

Item number	Provider	Item description	Fee schedule
2710	GP	GP Mental Health Treatment Plan	Fee: \$160.45; Benefit: 75% = \$120.35 100% = \$160.45
2702	GP	GP Mental Health Treatment Plan (MHST requirement not met)	Fee: \$125.95; Benefit: 75% = \$94.50 100% = \$125.95
2712	GP	GP Review of a Mental Health Treatment Plan	Fee: \$106.95; Benefit: 75% = \$80.25 100% = \$106.95
2713	GP	GP Mental Health Consultation	Fee: \$70.60 Benefit: 100% = \$70.60
2721	GP	GP FPS Consultation	Fee: \$85.95 Benefit: 100% = \$85.95
2725	GP	GP FPS long Consultation	Fee: \$123.00 Benefit: 100% = \$123.00

MBS Primary Care Items

A Fact Sheet for General Practitioners – The Changes to Medicare Primary Care Items

There has been a change to the Medicare attendance items for vocationally recognised GPs as a result of the MBS review which will be effective from 1 May 2010. Changes include:

- Item descriptors for general attendance items
- Attendance items out of the consulting rooms
- After hours attendance items
- Prolonged attendance items
- Health assessment items
- Chronic disease management items and
- GP multidisciplinary case conference items.



For further information on the changes please go to

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mbsprimarycare-changes-to-medicare-primary-care-items-for-gps>

Respiratory Testing Services

will be conducted at the Peel Health Campus on

Tuesday 9th February
Tuesday 9th March
Tuesday 27th April.

Services include

- Full lung function tests
- Bronchial Challenge testing
- Home and Ambulatory Oxygen assessment
- Spirometry

Results are interpreted and reported by either Assoc/Professor Peter Kendall or Dr Chris de Chanet.

For booking or request pad please call Bill Smith on 0418 917 900 or fax referral to 9315-9543



HESTA Australian Nursing Awards

The Australian community is being urged to nominate Practice Nurses for the 2010 HESTA Australian Nursing Awards.

With a prize pool of \$25,000 across the categories of Nurse of the Year, Innovation in Nursing and Graduate Nurse of the Year, they are the most prestigious nursing awards in the country.

Nominations close on 28 February. Finalists will be announced in April and those from interstate will be flown to the gala awards ceremony in Melbourne (Thursday 13 May).

Visit www.hestanursingawards.com to make a nomination.



The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) has developed an *Information for Medical Practitioners* package

to improve communication with General Practitioners (GPs), specifically, how to raise awareness of the various DVA-funded health services available to their veteran patients.

The package consists of:

- an Introduction;
- three information modules;
- a list of web links to information referred to in the modules;
- two useful DVA reference documents - the *DVA Funded Health Services* and *DVA Treatment Entitlement Cards* Charts; and
- a feedback form.

The package is designed to be downloaded from the DVA website.

The package will provide GPs (in any location) with a broad overview - a 'snapshot' - of DVA and its health services, together with relevant links and contact details to gain further detailed information.

The *Information for Medical Practitioners* package is available at:

http://www.dva.gov.au/service_providers/doctors/Pages/info.aspx

