



## RCH Primary Care Liaison

***All kids need a family doctor***

### GPs

Are your details up-to-date on the HSD (Human Services Directory)? The online HSD database is managed for the Department of Human Services and most Victorian hospitals including the RCH now use it for GP communication. Refer [www.humanservicesdirectory.vic.gov.au](http://www.humanservicesdirectory.vic.gov.au)

### GP and paediatrician advisory groups for the RCH

KidsConnect has recently started hosting regular meetings with the CEOs of Divisions of General Practice, general practitioners and community paediatricians.

These groups provide the RCH with an opportunity to seek input/advice on how best to link or collaborate with community healthcare providers.

Please contact KidsConnect for more information: [www.rch.org.au/kidsconnect/gp.cfm](http://www.rch.org.au/kidsconnect/gp.cfm)

### Pre-referral guidelines for RCH outpatients department

The RCH has developed pre-referral guidelines for suggested clinical management before referring to the RCH. The aim includes making the first appointment more useful by ensuring possible treatment/management and tests have been done first.

The pre-referral guidelines include contact details for specialist clinical advice for GPs and parent information handouts. There are more than 50 guidelines available online, including for Allergy, ENT, Gastroenterology, Mental health and Nephrology at [www.rch.org.au/kidsconnect](http://www.rch.org.au/kidsconnect) under 'Pre-referral guidelines'.

### Making a referral

All RCH OPD clinics need an up-to-date doctor's referral.

Referrals without the minimal clinical or administrative information may be returned to the referring doctor asking for more information before RCH OPD can book an appointment.

Please include:

- Reason for referral
- History of problem and treatment provided
- Tests/investigations done and results (see pre-referral guidelines)
- Parents' mobile phone number (we SMS reminders to parents)
- Patient Medicare number (for billing)
- NB: typed referrals are easier to read, especially after faxing.

**Fax referral to:** (03) 9345 5034  
**Urgent referrals call:** (03) 9345 6180  
**Specialist advice call:** (03) 9345 7060, #5

### Referrals for male circumcision

In accordance with DHS policy, the RCH no longer accepts referrals for routine male circumcision. Referrals need to be made to an appropriate private surgeon.

See [www.rch.org.au/kidsconnect](http://www.rch.org.au/kidsconnect) for healthcare professionals in the community. Referral forms, guidelines, education, services.

## **Change of Name**

As from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007 the Melbourne Division of General Practice is formally known as

### **Melbourne General Practice Network.**

Address: Suite 9, 233 Cardigan Street, Carlton, Vic, 3053

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Email: [admin@mgpn.com.au](mailto:admin@mgpn.com.au)

Website: [www.mgpn.com.au](http://www.mgpn.com.au)



### **DHS call for nominations for DHS Stroke Clinical Network (SCN)**

DHS is calling for nomination of a GP representative who is active in this area.

### **DHS Emergency Care Improvement and Innovation Clinical Network (Clinical Network)**

A call for nomination for one or two Victorian GP representatives for this group has been received from DHS.

The clinical network steering committee is an expert group to guide and support the clinical network. The clinical network steering committee will consult widely with a range of recognised experts when developing projects to assist health services implement sustainable improvements to emergency access and the delivery of emergency care.

Please contact Alan Gostelow at gpa south gippsland on 5674 3105 if you have any queries.

Nominations must be received by 23 January 2008.

## **Melbourne Sexual Health Centre Website**

Melbourne Sexual Health Centre has recently upgraded its website, making it considerably easier to navigate.

The Health Professional section of the website contains many great resources relating to sexually transmissible infections, such as:

- treatment guidelines
- clinical photographs
- patient fact sheets
- tips on making a diagnosis

Please visit the site at [www.mshc.org.au](http://www.mshc.org.au) and take a look.



## **QA & CPD PROGRAM**

Please note the two meetings on dermatology for GPs:

Easter 2008 - Beijing  
2 Category one activities

12-13 April 2008 - Melbourne  
A Weekend on Skin Cancer  
2 Category one activities

More information is available at <http://www.cme.au.com/>