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Making News

ACTML on Twitter

ACT Medicare Local is now on Twitter. Click on <http://twitter.com/#!/ACTML> and start following to keep up to date with all the ACT Medicare Local news.

After Hours Information Session

From 1 July 2013 the After Hours Practice Incentive Payment (PIP) will cease and this funding will be directed into the ACT Medicare Local After Hours Program. ACTML will host an information session for GPs on 22 February 2012 at 6.30pm to update you about current ACTML after hours activities. We welcome your feedback and suggestions for future program activities. Register [online](http://www.actml.com.au) or by email to events@actml.com.au

Australian Primary Care Collaboratives (APCC) Diabetes Management and Prevention Program

The APCC program is the largest Primary Care Improvement Program in Australia and currently ACT's Gordon Valley Medical Service, Interchange General Practice and Watson Medical Centre are participating in the Diabetes Management and Prevention Wave. This program aims to improve outcomes for patients with a chronic disease by enabling practices to collaborate and share ideas and strategies. For more information, see <http://www.apcc.org.au>

Care Coordination and Supplementary Services (CCSS) - Aboriginal health

ACTML introduces our Care Coordinators who can assist in directing and managing the health care needs of Indigenous patients who have a diagnosis of a chronic condition. The CCSS program can financially assist Indigenous patients to access private Allied Health Professionals or Specialists when patients are unable to access these services in a timely manner through the public system.

Please refer to our website for further information and contact details:
<http://www.actml.com.au/programs/closing-the-gap>

ACTML Positions Vacant

Position descriptions and selection criteria for the following roles are available at <http://www.actml.com.au/employment/act-medicare-local>

1. Program Director

ACTML is seeking to fill a new full-time Program Director role focussing on business development. You will lead a small team of program officers and contribute to policy and strategic outcomes of the organisation. See <http://www.actml.com.au/employment/act-medicare-local> for more information. Submit your application to Steve Sant, CEO: ceo@actml.com.au by 17 February.

2. Nursing in General Practice (NiGP) Project Officer

ACTML is seeking to fill a part-time position to maintain a well established program which provides practice nurses with education and support, supports general practices to recruit suitably qualified nurses and promotes the practice nurse role to the community and other health professions. Please phone Jenny Permezel on 6287 8020 or see <http://www.actml.com.au/employment/act-medicare-local> for further information.

New Date - GP Development Fund Round 5

GP Development Fund Round 5 will now open on Saturday, 18 February 2012 and close at 5pm on Friday, 16 March 2012.

An Information Evening for GPs will held on:

Date: Thursday, 23 February 2012

Time: 7pm – 8pm

Venue: Yacht Club, (Lotus Bay), Mariner Place, Yarralumla

RSVP: You must RSVP by calling 6207 6451 or e-mail:

gpdevelopmentfund@act.gov.au

Free parking and refreshments provided.

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GPs and Locums Available

For a list of GPs and Locums currently available to work in Canberra please visit

<http://www.actml.com.au/employment>

Please note that we are happy to advertise your GP vacancy. Please complete the online form "Advertise a Job Vacancy" or contact Kirsty on 6287 8099 or email

gprecruitment@actml.com.au

For Sale - Telephone System

Due to the increase of staff at our ACT Medicare Local office we have upgraded our telephone system. If you're interested in a LG Nortel Digital Key Service unit with 20 aria digital phones and 2 x 24 patch panels, please make an offer by calling Kerry on 6287 8099.

Invitation - National Antenatal Access Survey

GPs and PMs are invited to participate in this survey to assist in assessing the level of access to antenatal services across Australia. The survey focuses on a practice's model of antenatal care and local factors influencing women's access to antenatal care. The survey is an integral part of identifying and improving maternity services under the National Maternity Services Plan (2010-15). Please complete this online 20 minute survey by 23 February at <https://rea.msvcs.kpmg.com/gqt/Entry/QuestionnaireEntry.aspx?QuestionnaireId=8303> using the following username: antenatal@survey.com and password: [antenatal](#)

Lactation Seminar

The Lactation Consultants of Australia and New Zealand (LCANZ) are hosting a seminar 'Clever clefts, nasty nipples and bothersome breasts' in Canberra on Saturday 25 February 2012. This seminar is sponsored by the ACT Breastfeeding Strategic Framework 2010-2015 to support the education of health professionals in the ACT. For more information contact Monica Hogan on 0409 985 324.

Harmonisation of National and Safety laws

The ACT Legislative Assembly has passed a new Work Health and Safety Act 2011. The new Act replaces the Work Safety Act 2008 and came into effect on 1 January 2012. Further information, including Resources and Fact Sheets, can be found at

<http://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/page/view/2798>

Winanggaay - Cultural Awareness Training

A workshop on cultural awareness training, meeting the requirements of the Indigenous Health Practice Incentive Program. This event is for Indigenous Health PIP registered practice staff and all interested practice staff.

Date: 19 March 2012

Time: 6 – 9:30pm

Location: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre, 245 Lady Denman Drive, Yarramundi Reach, Yarralumla

Register [online](#) or by email to events@actml.com.au

Infection Prevention and Control Education Meeting

"Bye Bye UTI!" - Preventing Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection

Presented by Deborah Rhodes, Infection Prevention Project, Nurse Alfred Hospital Melbourne.

Date: Thursday 8 March 2012

Time: 7.15 – 8.45am

Where: Level 2 Auditorium, Canberra Hospital, Yamba Drive, Garran

Cost: \$15 includes breakfast

RSVP by 29 Feb. to Wendy Beckingham, phone 62443695 or wendy.beckingham@act.gov.au

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Upcoming Events

Tues 7 Feb 6 for 6:30pm	General Practice Owners & Principals (POP) Network Meeting Topics to be discussed include Health Services Directory and clinical software training. Boardroom, ACT Medicare Local, Unit 20, 41 Liardet Street, Weston. Register online or by email to events@actml.com.au
Wed 8 Feb 12:30 - 2.30pm	General Practice Managers Network Meeting Topics to be discussed include secure messaging, clinical software training, OH&S requirements, and the mental health program. Boardroom, ACT Medicare Local, Unit 20, 41 Liardet Street, Weston. Register online or by email to events@actml.com.au
Wed 8 Feb 6:30 for 7pm	Multidisciplinary management of Inflammatory Rheumatic Diseases: a look into the future Guest speakers - Dr Chandi Perera, Head of Rheumatology Unit, TCH and Dr Walter Abhayaratna Consultant Cardiologist, TCH and Assoc Prof of Medicine, ANU. Meeting kindly sponsored by Abbott. The Glebe, Crowne Plaza Canberra, 1 Binara Street. Register online or by email to events@actml.com.au
Option 1 Sun 19 and 26 Feb 12:30 - 5:30pm Option 2 Tues 21 and 28 Feb 12:30 - 5:30pm	Breastfeeding Workshops for Practice Nurses The ACT Medicare Local in conjunction with the ACT Government Health Directorate invites Practice Nurses to participate in a fully funded training opportunity to increase their knowledge and awareness of the role they can play to promote and protect breastfeeding with patients in their practice. This workshop will cover ways of communicating with mothers, motivational interviewing, the importance of breastfeeding, the anatomy and physiology of the breast, management of common problems and ACT focussed referral pathways and community resources. Ann Harding Conference Centre, Building 24, University Drive, South Bruce, Canberra University. Register online or by email to events@actml.com.au
Wed 15 Feb 6 - 8pm	General Practice Nurse Network Meeting At the meeting a speaker will provide information about the role of the practice nurse in chlamydia contact tracing. In addition, and as requested in the survey undertaken in August to identify what YOU want in the way of education in the next 12 months, Christine Ashley will talk about AHPRA regulatory requirements for continuing professional development, and provide hints for developing a 'no frills' manageable professional portfolio. Boardroom, ACT Medicare Local, Unit 20, 41 Liardet Street, Weston. Register online or by email to events@actml.com.au
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