

National Rural Health Alliance E-forum – 10 May 2002

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From: Pam McGrath <p.mcgrath@uq.edu.au>
 Subject: NHMRC Rural and Remote Indigenous Palliative Care Research Grant

A multi-disciplinary team of researchers will explore the provision of palliative care health service delivery to Indigenous people living in rural areas of the Northern Territory. The expected outcome is the description of an innovative model for rural and remote palliative care service provision to Indigenous people based on an understanding of what is presently available, which models work most effectively and what is needed.

(Moderator's note: rural and remote areas seem to have done well out of the latest round of NHMRC funding for strategic research projects in palliative care. Three of the ten projects specifically relate to rural and remote areas. Details are available at <http://www.health.gov.au/mediarel/yr2002/kp/kp02022.htm>)

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INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY - SUNDAY 12 MAY 2002

International Nurses Day, which will be celebrated across the world on 12 May, provides an opportunity to celebrate the enormous contribution nurses make in society - whether it be in Australia or overseas. Further information is available at <http://www.anf.org.au/>

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APRIL 2002 "PARTYLINE" NEWSLETTER

The April 2002 edition of the NRHA "Partyline" newsletter is available at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/partyline0402.pdf>. This months features include:

- * Where should we spend our health dollar?
- * 24 Hours in the life of a rural GP
- * Housing and water in Indigenous communities
- * Indigenous Workforce Issues on the Table
- * Meet a friend - James Fitzpatrick
- * Rural Advocate receives Australia Day Award
- * Doctor numbers in rural areas
- * Optometry - working with older rural Victorians
- * Focus on Rural Aged Care

- * Australian Journal of Rural Health
- * Conference Recommendation Follow-up
- * Reporting Against Healthy Horizons
- * Nursing Project
- * Specialist services for more remote areas
- * In Short
- * Government News
- * The Rural Child
- * Health Calendar.

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WORLD RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE 2002

ABC Rural's coverage of the Fifth Wonca World Conference on Rural Health, held in Melbourne earlier this month, is available at <http://abc.net.au/rural/worldhealth/default.htm>. Almost 100 delegates worldwide, from all health disciplines and all cultures, joined to discuss issues, experiences and policies in their fields. Coverage includes video, audio and written reports.

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DR EMAIL? (Extract from ABC Health News 7/5/2002)

Patients could be communicating with their doctors by email in the future - if the results of a large American study are anything to go by. The full story is available at http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublish_548923.htm

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CHIC CLOSES

The Collaborative Health Informatics Centre (CHIC) will cease providing services on the 31st May 2002. According to a CHIC statement, a considerable vacuum will be created when CHIC ceases to operate.

"The health sector has a critical need to improve the return on investment in information technology and improve patient care. Currently the Health/IT industry lacks a national approach to Health/IT Education, Innovation and Industry development," the statement said.

The full text of the CHIC statement is available at <http://www.chic.org.au>

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SEVENTH NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE – CALL FOR PAPERS

A Call for Papers has now been made for the Seventh National Rural Health Conference to be held in Hobart in March 2003. The Call for Papers brochure is available at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/seventhconf/callforpapers.htm>. Deadline for receipt of abstracts is 14 June 2002.

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