

National Rural Health Alliance E-forum - 15 October 1999

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From: Rural Health Education Foundation <rhef@hcn.net.au>
Subject: RHEF October satellite broadcasts

Sports Medicine

TUESDAY 19th October 1999

Hosted by: NSW Rural Doctors Network

Decoder Channel: 4

Test time: 3.00pm to 3.30pm (EST) on 19th October.

Broadcast Time: 7.30 - 9.30pm (Eastern Standard Time)

This broadcast is aimed at GPs, nurses and community health workers. The program will provide an understanding on:

- * Examination of an acute injury to the shoulder and knee;
- * Management of an acute non fracture injury to the shoulder and knee;
- * Soft tissue techniques, physical therapy and rehabilitation of knee and shoulder injuries in the context of continuing participation in sport.

Panel of Speakers:

Chair: Dr Ian Kamerman, GP, Junee NSW.

Dr Warwick Bruce, Orthopod, Orthosports.

Dr Leonard Kuo, Orthopod, New Children's Hospital, Westmead NSW,

Mr Tim Neville, Physiotherapist, Orthosports, Concord NSW.

Sharing the Care: Quality Use of Medicines in the Older Person

TUESDAY 26th October 1999

Hosted by: Pharmaceutical Society of Australia & Department of Health & Aged Care

Decoder Channel: 4 (WA - Decoder Channel 23 due to delayed broadcast)

Test time: 3.00pm to 3.30pm (EST) on 26th October.

Broadcast Time: 8.00 - 9.30pm (Eastern Standard Time)

8.00 - 9.30pm (Western Standard Time) (Delayed to WA)

This broadcast is aimed at pharmacists, GPs and nurses. Specific areas to be addressed in the program include:

- * The perspective of the older person as a consumer of health services,
- * Overview/update of: physiological changes in the older person; Disease states specific to the older person eg. depression, dementia, etc; disease states which present differently in the elderly eg. cardiovascular and respiratory diseases,
- * Medication use by the older person including: multiple medication use; adverse drug reactions; unwanted side effects; inappropriate prescribing; identifying at-risk patients; effective management strategies,
- * Co-ordinated Care approach including respective and complementary roles of the various health professionals,
- * Quality life issues.

Panel of Speakers:

Chair: Dr Norman Swan, Presenter of the Health Report & co-host of Life Matters on ABC Radio National.

Ms Geraldine Moses, a drug information pharmacist and pharmacy media personality from Brisbane, QLD.

Dr Michael Woodward, Dir. Aged and Extended Care at the Austin Repatriation Hospital, Melbourne.

Dr Peter Waxman, a GP from Central Bayside Division of General Practice, Melbourne.

Ms Betty Johnson from the Older Women's Network, Sydney.

For information on viewing sites, please call 02 6232 5480 or 1800 646 015 or visit our web site at <http://www.rhef.com.au/satsites/satsites.htm> and click on your state to find your nearest venue.

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From: Maureen.Cian@health.gov.au <Maureen.Cian@health.gov.au>

Subject: Chronic Disease Self Management Web Site

We are pleased to announce that our new web site is now open. We will be updating our web site on a regular basis as new information comes to hand. Our web site is in its preliminary stage and your feedback would be welcomed to help us update this site. Our web site address is <http://www.health.gov.au/pubhlth/strateg/chronic/>

Please pass on this information to anyone in your organisation who may have an interest. Thank you.

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From: consec@spirit.com.au <consec@spirit.com.au>

Subject: To all those interested in Health Services Research!

Two months have passed since the 1999 Australian and New Zealand Health Services Research Conference held in Manly. The conference was an enormous success and brought together for the first time a broad range of people interested in health services research. As a result of the professional interest stimulated from the conference, the conference organising group has decided to establish a list serve to enable people to continue to network and exchange ideas and experiences

as well keep in touch with developments in this area. If you would like to subscribe to this list serve please email to hsr-aus-subscribe@onelist.com. You will automatically be added to the list and will receive instructions on how to unsubscribe. We will also use the listserve to keep people informed about the outcomes of the conference eg. a conference report/publication soon to be available as well as news about the next conference. We look forward to communicating with colleagues.

For more information visit our website at <http://www.citysearch.com.au/syd/chere>

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From: Kate Silburn <k.silburn@latrobe.edu.au>
Subject: National Resource Centre for Consumer Participation in Health

We have now completed the Draft Needs Assessment and the Draft Strategic Directions documents for the National Resource Centre for Consumer Participation in Health.

We are also in the process of establishing 'Special Interest Groups' to review articles and reports relevant to consumer participation for inclusion on the national Resource Centre's Data Base. Participants in these groups will be asked to contribute to reading and reviewing articles to ensure that the information distributed by the Resource Centre is of high quality. It is envisaged that participants in Special Interest Groups will be able to determine the number of articles they wish to receive for review so that no one is overburdened. Participation in these groups will be one way a range of people can be involved in the Resource Centre and should also enable participants to keep up with literature they are interested in.

Initially, the areas in which Special Interest Groups will be developed are:

1. Resource allocation, priority setting and strategic planning
2. Policy Development
3. Services and facilities planning
4. Care processes
5. Evaluation, accreditation, review, quality improvement, health outcomes
6. Patient satisfaction and feedback
7. Research
8. Theory of participation
9. Education and training for participation (for managers, providers and consumers)

If you would be interested in joining any of these Special Interest Groups, or would like more information, please contact Kate.

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT ON REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT

A Senate Committee report entitled "Jobs for the Regions: A report on the inquiry into regional employment and unemployment" was released on 30 September 1999. The Committee advocates a more interventionist approach to stimulating

regional development. The Report is available at
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/EET_CTTE/regional/contents.htm

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"SOLUTIONS LINE" FOR REGIONAL AUSTRALIA SUMMIT

The Federal Government has announced the availability of a "solutions line" for anyone to contribute via phone, fax or Internet to the Regional Australia Summit to be held on 27-29 October. The "solutions line" will operate from October 20, at
Phone: (1800) 026 222
Fax: (1800) 880 787
Website: <http://www.dotrs.gov.au/regional/summit/>
The Minister's announcement is at <http://www.dotrs.gov.au/media/media.htm>

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PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF COMPETITION POLICY ON RURAL AND REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

The Productivity Commission released its report on the Impact of Competition Policy Reforms on Rural and Regional Australia on October 14. The report is available at <http://www.pc.gov.au/inquiry/compol/finalreport/index.html>

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"GREEN PAPER" ON "WELFARE DEPENDENCY"

The Federal Government has announced the creation of a Reference Group to produce a discussion paper on "welfare dependency". The Minister's announcement is at <http://www.facs.gov.au/dss/newman.nsf/3642f4f6006b0c7fca25670f0009cd22/343f1768aff81300ca2567fa007888f5?OpenDocument> and her announcement of the Terms of Reference is at <http://www.facs.gov.au/dss/newman.nsf/3642f4f6006b0c7fca25670f0009cd22/408aac4fefe9d74dca2568080021a9d1?OpenDocument>. A notable omission from the Terms of Reference is consideration of whether "welfare dependency" is, in fact, a problem.

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