

National Rural Health Alliance E-forum – 10 December 1999

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NRHA STATEMENT ON RURAL HEALTH CD-ROM

The National Rural Health Alliance launched a CD R OM containing more than 1,100 individual research papers on rural and remote health on Wednesday, 8 December 1999 in Parliament House, Canberra. The CD ROM, Rural and Remote Health Papers 1991-1999, was launched by the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government, Senator Ian Macdonald. The text of the statement about the launch is at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/81299.htm>, and is reprinted below.

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From: "Lance Emerson" <lance.emerson@guild.org.au>
Rural and Remote Pharmacy CPE Scholarship Scheme

Scholarships are now available to provide financial support to encourage and enable pharmacists practicing in rural and remote communities, and pharmacists preparing to re-enter pharmacy practice in rural and remote communities, to participate in CPE and professional development opportunities.

Funding for the scholarships has been provided through the Commonwealth's Rural Health, Support, Education and Training (RHSET) program, as part of a broader collaborative project called the Rural and Remote Pharmacy Workforce Development Program, which aims to improve recruitment and retention of pharmacists in regional areas.

The CPE and professional development activities that may be funded through this scheme include:

- ? Costs associated with participation in CPE activities organised and managed by PSA National or State office, the ACPP, SHPA, AIPM, Rural Health Training Units, University Departments of Rural Health, and each of the Pharmacy Schools attached to Australian Universities;
- ? Costs associated with participation in preceptor training activities;
- ? Pharmacy workforce re-entry courses and other courses that will assist re-entry to pharmacy practice;
- ? Costs associated with conference, seminar or workshop attendance, where the

event has direct relevance to rural health service delivery; and
? Costs associated with obtaining locum relief while undertaking
>CPE/professional development, but not including locum wages.

The first round of applications closes on 31st January 2000 and are open to all pharmacists in rural and remote areas.

Application forms, guidelines, and eligibility criteria for the scholarships can be requested from the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, contact (02) 6270-1888 or e-mail stephanie.thrift@guild.org.au Application forms and associated documents are also available from the Guild's website at <http://www.guild.org.au/rural/scholarships.htm>

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4th WONCA WORLD RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE - "PROGRESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS"
Wed Aug 16th –Sat Aug 19th, 2000. Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

This is an opportunity to share practical solutions and common sense approaches to problems common to rural doctors around the world. A wide range of topics are presented under the main themes of the conference. In keeping with previous meetings in this series, we expect a high degree of participation.

Themes: Physician Sustainability, Rural Women's Health, Aboriginal Health, Telehealth & Communications, Clinician Partnerships, Trauma, Triage & Transport

We encourage you to submit a workshop, presentation, symposium or poster. This can easily be done online via the web site at <http://www.ruralnet.ab.ca/wrhc>. Deadlines January, 15th, 2000; Posters – March 31st, 2000.

Registration - easiest way to do this is online. Main rate is \$495 Can. – see web site for further details at <http://www.ruralnet.ab.ca/wrhc>

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From: "Susan Smyllie" <Susan_Smyllie@health.qld.gov.au>
Subject: health service financing

I read with interest the recommendations for health service financing in rural and remote areas particularly recommendation 2. The community Public Health Planning in Rural and Remote areas Project is developing innovative funding models with participant communities to facilitate community lead public health and health determinant responses. The knowledge gained from this project should inform the discussions and the research proposed in recommendation 2. Further information can be obtained from the project manager.

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From: Rural Health Education Foundation <rhef@hcn.net.au>
Subject: Rural Health Education Foundation Videos of Satellite Broadcasts

All videos are available to be purchased for \$25.00 each plus \$5.00 postage for one video or \$8.00 postage for multiple videos, anywhere within Australia. The Foundation's videos can also be hired (subject to availability) at a cost of \$10.00 for one video or \$15.00 for up to six videos, anywhere within Australia. Video orders can be placed by phoning 1800 646 015 or by faxing to 1800 555 501. Alternatively you can email an order to rhef@hcn.net.au or order online at <http://www.rhef.com.au/videolts/Vidfrm/Vidfrm.htm>. An invoice (payable by cheque) will be sent to you with the videos.

Below is a list of the available videos:

- 038 Glaucoma 12/11/96
- 039 Hormone Replacement Therapy 26/11/96
- 040 Diabetes Screening 18/3/97
- 041 Multiple Sclerosis 15/4/97
- 042 Vascular Surgery 29/4/97
- 043 Osteoporosis 6/5/97
- 044 Envenomation 1/7/97
- 045 Hypertension 5/8/97
- 047 Cranio Facial Trauma 30/9/97
- 049 Treating Hypertension Beyond ACE Inhibitors 18/11/97
- 051 Therapeutic Group Premiums 28/1/98
- 052 Attention Deficit Disorder & Chronic Fatigue Syndrome 3/3/98
- 053 The World Satellite Congress on Hypertension 5/3/98
- 054 Stroke Prevention and Management in Rural Australia 17/3/98

- 055 Toxicology 19/5/98
- 057 Osteoporosis 30/6/98
- 058 Youth Suicide Prevention in Rural Australia 11/8/98
- 059 Cardio Vascular Disease Rehabilitation 25/8/98
- 060 Medical Crises in Infants 13/10/98
- 061 Mens Health Issues 27/10/98
- 062 Anaesthetics 24/11/98
- 063 Gambling: A National Health Issue 2/2/99
- 064 Asthma Management: A Rural Approach 9/2/99
- 065 Obstetrics & Midwifery Services in Rural Australia 9/3/99
- 068 Musculoskeletal Pain Management 13/4/99
- 069 Primary Prevention in Non-communicable Diseases 20/4/99
- 070 Schizophrenia 4/5/99
- 071 Heart Failure 8/6/99
- 072 Renal Failure 15/6/99
- 073 Acute Coronary Syndromes 22/6/99
- 074 GP Surgical Procedures 29/6/99
- 075 Diabetes Management 24/8/99
- 076 Australian Health Ministers' Launch 4/8/99
- 077 Stroke Prevention 28/9/99
- 078 Depression 12/10/99
- 079 Sports Injury 19/10/99
- 081 Hepatitis C 30/11/99

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NATIONAL ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD TASKFORCE

The first meeting of the National Electronic Health Record Taskforce was held on 30 November. The NEHRT has been established, with support from Australian Health Ministers, to bring an organised, planned approach to a national EHR regime and to avoid the potential for duplication and incompatible systems. The Taskforce is charged with recommending a plan of action to Health Ministers for consideration at their 2000 conference (scheduled for July).

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CONTRIBUTION AND SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION AND DISCLAIMER

The NRHA e-forum is a forum for the expression of YOUR views. Contributions are sought on any topic relevant to rural health concerns. Please send contributions to the moderator, Jim Groves, at grovesc@winshop.com.au.

The NRHA e-forum is edited by a third party moderator, Jim Groves. As such, the Alliance does not control postings and the contents do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Alliance. Nor do postings necessarily reflect the view of Jim Groves or any organisation he is associated with. Jim Groves can be contacted at grovesc@winshop.com.au.

The e-forum is sent to a mailing list of the Alliance and those have indicated interest

through the subscription box at the NRHA Web site (<http://www.ruralhealth.org.au>). This issue is going to 652 recipients. Please forward a copy to any colleague you think may be interested.

To subscribe, send a message saying “subscribe NRHA eforum” to grovesc@winshop.com.au. To unsubscribe, send a message saying “unsubscribe NRHA eforum” to grovesc@winshop.com.au. The archive of the e-forum is at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/newsletter.htm>

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FULL TEXT OF NRHA STATEMENT ON RURAL HEALTH CD-ROM

8 December 1999

National Rural Health Alliance releases rural health CD-ROM

The National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA) today released an international prize-winning CD-ROM containing the most comprehensive collection of rural and remote health research papers and information produced in Australia.

The CD-ROM, Rural and Remote Health Papers 1991-1999, was launched today by the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government, Senator Ian Macdonald, in Canberra.

The CD-ROM contains more than 1100 individual research papers, all including articles published in the Australian Journal of Rural Health, since the journal’s inception in 1993.

NRHA Chairperson Dr Steve Clark, said that the CD-ROM would prove an invaluable resource for all those concerned with rural affairs and rural and remote health issues.

“One of the great benefits of having all these papers and articles reproduced on a CD-ROM is that all this information is now readily accessible and searchable, either by topic or author,” he said.

The CD-ROM, produced by Canberra-based company Netimpact Online Publishing, won second prize earlier this year at the UK Institute of Scientific and Technical Communicators 1999 Annual Documentation Awards for electronic publications.

Dr Clark said support from the Senator Macdonald’s Department of Transport and Regional Services and the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation had enabled the NRHA to produce the CD-ROM.

RIRDC supported the development of the CD-ROM through its Human Capital and Communications Program, which invests \$1.5 million a year to further develop rural and regional communities.

