Welcome to the July 2014 edition of the e-CDNews

2014 Annual CDN Conference

If you haven’t already registered for the 2014 Conference in Alice Springs please head to www.equitycentre.com.au to check out the draft program and all the other exciting news. For regular updates and interesting titbits of information relating to the conference theme join the Facebook page Equity at the Centre: Action on Social Determinants of Health or Twitter #equity14.

As part of this year’s Conference social program, we invite all the delegates to attend the Conference Dinner, to be held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre on the 4th September. The dinner will commence at 6:30 and provide an opportunity to catch up with colleagues. Guests will be served three-course dinner. Entertainment will include a performance by comedian Sean Choolburra. Sean is one of Australia’s leading Indigenous entertainers. He hails from Townsville and since 2002 appeared onstage across Australia and overseas. He has headlined The Dreaming Festival and appeared at the Edinburgh Fridge Festival. Sean will provide guests with entertainment for the evening. During the dinner the Ray James Memorial Award will be presented, The Ray James Memorial Award is presented to the AHPA member for excellent and innovative health promotion research that has been published during the previous year in the Health Promotion Journal of Australia. The cost of the evening is $130 and further details can be found at the conference website. Delegates are encouraged to register for the dinner earlier as places are filling.

I would also like to promote the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pre Conference Workshop to be held from 10am on the 3rd of September. This workshop is open to all individuals and even if you are not attending the main conference, this workshop can be booked and paid for separately. Please head to the conference website for a draft program and to register.

Chronicle News

Please note there will not be a September 2014 edition of the Chronicle due to extremely low numbers of articles submitted by members. Members are encouraged to avail the opportunity to showcase your work, and/or promote colleagues projects/programs through this publication.

The December edition: Equity @ the centre: Action on social determinants of health will be the last edition for 2014. It will feature the September conference so members are strongly encouraged to contribute to the edition by choosing an aspect of the conference and writing about it or contributing articles on the theme and linking in with the Prevention and Management of Chronic Conditions.

The deadline for completed articles is 10 October 2014 and can be sent to chronicdiseasesnetwork@nt.gov.au

2014 NT Courses

Remote Midwifery Workshop

This 3 day workshop will provide an update on the current best practice management to support the provision of efficient and effective midwifery care in the community.

Target Audience: Midwives working in and supporting midwifery practice in remote areas in the Top End NT.

For bookings or further information please see the attached flyer

Remote Midwifery flyer 2014.doc
Online Chronic Disease Self-Management Training
This training program has been developed by the heart research centre. It introduces participants to evidence based practices that will support clients to self-manage their conditions.
Access to this training module has been purchased for staff working in the Primary Health Care Sector within the NT.
The attached flyer provides further information please.

Child Health & Practical Paediatrics
Focusing on updating knowledge and clinical skills in paediatric and child health practice in the remote context, this 3 day course is targeted at all Health Professionals working in remote communities.
Further information is provided in the attached flyer or you could contact Sharyn Hofer on 8922 8054/Sharyn.hofer@nt.gov.au

Internal applicants link for the training calendar (follow instructions):

Respiratory Short Course
If you wish to develop a sound base of knowledge, skills and understanding in relation to the prevention, early detection and management of respiratory conditions in the acute and community context – then this course is for you.

Diabetic Foot Workshop
There is no pre work for this course which includes 1 day theory and 1 day practical training for all Health Professionals in the NT working in the clinical setting. The course is designed to provide participants with knowledge and practical skills in foot care to provide clinical services and promote client self-management. The attached flyer provides more information.

Diabetes Care in the Community
The course attracts 22 hours CPD for all health care professionals working within the community setting and aims to provide a sound introduction to skills, understanding and knowledge in relation to prevention, early detection and management of diabetes. The attached flyer provides detailed information and enquiry contact names and numbers.

Remote Cardiac Care
This course will provide health professionals with the skills to undertake a comprehensive systematic approach to prevention, management and treatment of cardiac conditions in the community setting. Further details are provided in the attached flyer.

Chronic Disease Storyboard: eLearning
This eLearning package has proven to be very effective when used within the community setting. It is accessible for internal and external participants and is designed for ATSI health professionals and community based workers. Participants can access the training again under their own log in to deliver onsite training and will receive an online certificate of completion.
The attached flyer provides more details on aim, content and access or for more information contact eLearning on 08 8922 7022/mylearning.health@nt.gov.au

Lung Foundation Australia’s COPD National Program
COPD Online, an interactive training program for primary care nurses has been updated
Learn about COPD, identify patients with COPD, manage patients with COPD and develop self-management plans with patients. http://lungfoundation.com.au/health-professionals/training-and-education/copd-nurse-training-online/ is the link to the page that will provide you with more information about the training.
Training includes:
• Case studies and videos
• Care plans and the Medical Benefits Schedule
• Quizzes to test your knowledge
• Interactive features
• Downloadable assessment tools and patient handouts

NT Department of Health ONLY
System Planning and Development
The renal framework 2012-2017 is now available on the NT DoH website to guide renal service planning and development for the next few years. The attached document will provide you with more information
The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)
For information, updates, news and resources go to: http://www.aihw.gov.au/

Other Areas of interest are:
- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular Health
- Diabetes
- Indigenous Australians
- Mental Health
- Chronic Diseases
- Cardiovascular Health

Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health, School of Dentistry
The Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health at the University of Adelaide is hosting an International Indigenous Oral Health conference Wed Aug 27 to Fri Aug 29 this year, including two US-based keynote speakers:
Professor Kamilla Venner and Professor Terry Batliner
Aims of the Conference will be to:
- Inform researchers, policy makers and the lay public of the challenges in conducting oral health research among Indigenous groups
- Explore issues surrounding translation into policy of oral health research among these populations
- Describe interventions that have resulted in successful oral health policy translation in Indigenous contexts

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explored will be relevant for many other health practitioners as well.

The Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet
For information, updates, news and resources go to: http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/

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- Cancer
- Mental Health
- Substance Use
- Respiratory Health
- Cardiovascular Health
- Diabetes

Public Health Advocacy Institute of Western Australia (PHAIAWA)
PHAIAWA is running its first advocacy short course in Fremantle this October. The course aims to provide a broad understanding of what advocacy entails, the major advocacy strategies and how to integrate them into current work. It will be a skills based and practical week with some excellent key speakers and facilitators including the Hon Nicola Roxan, Prof Fiona Stanley, Prof Mike Daube, Michael Moore (CEP PHAA) and Melissa Sweet (Crikey).
The attached flyer provides more details, contact information and course objectives.

Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY)
The 2nd Biennial Australian Implementation Conference 2014: “Solving Complex Implementation Problems” will be held on 17 & 18 September 2014 in Sheraton on the Park, Sydney. To learn more email: events@aracy.org.au

Heart Foundation
Heart Foundation is promoting the following video (link provided below) for Health Professionals on Absolute Cardiovascular Risk Assessment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
The video is also hosted on the following sites:
Heart Foundation YouTube http://youtu.be/eTO-bYwSgZE

The 15th International Mental Health Conference will be held at the QT Hotel, Surfers Paradise on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th August 2014. Optional workshops will be held on Wednesday the 27th of August 2014.
The conference theme “Mental Health: Innovation / Integration / Early Intervention”, will focus on Suicide, Dementia, Depression, Personality Disorders and Trauma. For more information please visit www.anzmh.asn.au/conference/ or for more information contact Sarah Jones, Conference Secretariat, P: 07 5502 2068 / F: 07 5527 3298

Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM)
The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine has developed a comprehensive e-learning series covering a range of topics in Indigenous health and Cultural Competency. The modules have an ED context but the principles, knowledge and skills explored will be relevant for many other health practitioners as well.
The module series and a range of accompanying topical podcasts are publically available and can be accessed via our website. They include case studies, videos of interviews with doctors, aboriginal liaison officers and cultural educators, and are grounded in the evidence of how culturally competent care can improve patient outcomes.

The first four modules launched are about applying the core principles of culturally competent care to practice:

1. Introduction to culturally competent care
2. Culturally competent communication
3. Understanding health literacy and diversity of health beliefs
4. Understanding language diversity and working with interpreters

**Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives**

The 16th National Conference and Annual General Meeting “Embrace the difference within our people” registrations are now open and will be held on the 23rd and 24th of September at the Rendezvous Grand Perth Scarborough. For more information please email catsinam@catsinam.org.au or phone 0427 896 446, alternatively visit www.catsinam.org.au

**Department of Health – Health Gains Planning**

Health Gains Planning have provided a list of ten publications from 2011 onwards and some of these are readily available online, while others need to be accessed through libraries.

The list includes:

- Three publications which explore, from various angles, the impact of social disadvantage on Indigenous health outcomes (1, 4 and 5). These papers quantify the impact of modifiable risk factors, that underpin differences in health outcomes and consistently demonstrate that poverty (socio-economic disadvantage) is the greatest modifiable risk factor and accounts for around 30% of the difference in outcomes, including the gap in life expectancy (4).
- Two papers which use attributable fractions to assess the impact of tobacco and alcohol on the number of hospital admissions (2 and 3).
- Two papers that link de-identified individual level hospital and primary care admissions and presentations to explore the relationship between PC and admissions (6 and 10). These papers are important as they utilise the NT’s capacity to link these two data sources – no other states and few locations internationally have the capacity to undertake large scale studies of this type. The first paper (6) demonstrates a U-curve relationship between number of primary care visits and number of admissions – this is an important association and informs planning for “appropriate” levels of primary care. The second paper, released today in the Med J Aust, highlights that primary care for remote Aboriginal populations is a cost-effective investment in terms of reduced admissions and improved health outcomes.
- The important and recent publication on dementia prevalence in the NT Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal population (9). This is the first large scale assessment of the prevalence and incidence of dementia among Aboriginal populations and follows on from the clinical survey in the Kimberley region.
- A technical paper which assesses the impact of mobility between remote and regional centres on the reporting of mortality statistics (7)
- An analysis of the gradient in chronic disease mortality rates by geographic location, with a consistent increase from metropolitan to very remote areas (8)