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Did You Know:

CPCRE's *Subcutaneous Infusion Device Management education website* is now live - see [Subcutaneous Infusion Device Education](#) for the address.

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CPCRE News Update

CALENDAR

Now that the CPCRE January-June 2011 Education Calendar has been mailed, it's almost time to start thinking about adding activities to the July-December 2011 calendar. To add palliative care education activities to CPCRE's [online calendar](#), or to the July-December print calendar, please email details to [CPCRE](#)

For further information about the Education Calendar, or to have information included in the online calendar, contact [Rosaleen Matters](#) 07 3636 1449.

Upcoming CPCRE Educational Activities

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CPCRE and PEPA (Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach), are running the following workshops over the next few months:

- **CPCRE Clinical Skills Update** Mt Isa, 28 March 2011
- **CPCRE Community Forum: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Views on Palliative Care** Mt Isa, 28 March 2011
- **PEPA GP Update in Palliative Care** North Lakes Health Precinct, 9 April 2011
- **PEPA Allied Health Palliative Care Workshop** Bundaberg, mid-May

For more information on PEPA workshops, please email [Kym Griffin](#) or phone 07 3636 6938.

For more information on Clinical Skills Updates, please email [John Haberecht](#) or phone 07 3636 8197.

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PEPA

PEPA Queensland has recently appointed Sue Connolly to the role of PEPA Manager. Sue has an administrative background and worked in the NT Coordinator General's Office and Department of the Chief Minister's Aboriginal Liaison Unit. After many years in the private sector, she joined Queensland Health and has worked for ten years in administrative and project management roles in safety and quality. Her most recent undertaking was establishing and coordinating state-wide Interpreter Service processes at Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital, supporting the District's growing CALD community. Sue looks forward to working with the PEPA team at national level and drawing on the experience and expertise of

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fellow managers Australia-wide.

Darryl Lingwoodock has also recently joined the team as PEPA Indigenous Project Officer. With a nursing background, Darryl has worked in Aged Care and Disability Services. He also managed health and arts projects for Indigenous communities around Queensland in regional, remote and urban areas.

Life for most is getting back to normal after the continuing rain and recent floods in northern and western Queensland and in Brisbane, and despite such a rocky start to the new year in the state, PEPA placements continue to be taken up. There are still limited PEPA placements available in the current funding round and we would be very happy to hear from anyone interested in participating in the Program. To download information including the application form, go to <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/cpcre/pepa.asp>, email sue_connolly@health.qld.gov.au or phone 07 3636 6216.

A DVD on PEPA is now available to view on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IS3mGeNXk8I>

PEPA conducted an Allied Health Workshop on 16 February and welcomed around 50 participants who provided much positive feedback for the program. Interest for attendance at this workshop was strong, with many placed on a waiting list. Plans are underway for another AHP workshop to be held probably in the Bundaberg/Hervey Bay region.

PEPA will be represented with a trade display at the 34th Annual Oncology Nurses Group Conference in Brisbane in April.

Wishing you all a happy, safe and well-deserved break over Easter!

CPCRE 10th Annual Research Conference

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CPCRE's **10th Annual Research Conference** will be held in the Education Centre, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, on **Friday 27 May 2011**.

Save the Date!

CENTRE FOR PALLIATIVE CARE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

10th Annual
Research Conference
**Palliative Care
Research – Past,
Present and Future**

27th May 2011

Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital – Education Centre

Speakers will include:

Prof. David Currow
Head of Research,
Palliative and Supportive Services,
Flinders University, SA

Prof. Patsy Yates
Director, CPCRE
Director of Research,
School of Nursing & Midwifery, QUT

Prof. Janet Hardy
Clinical Research Program Leader, CPCRE
Clinical Director, Palliative Care,
Mater Adult Health Services, Brisbane

Prof. Geoff Mitchell
Head, MBS Program,
School of Medicine, Ipswich Campus,
University of Queensland

For more information go to: www.health.qld.gov.au/cpcre/rsrch_contact.asp
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Speakers include Prof David Currow, Prof Patsy Yates, Prof Janet Hardy, and Prof Geoff Mitchell.

Further information will be provided regularly in this newsletter, CPCRE's monthly e-bulletin, and the [Conference web page](#).

Subcutaneous Infusion Device Education

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The website to complement the subcutaneous infusion device education program developed by CPCRE for Palliative Care Australia with Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) funding should be live by the time you read this. The education program complemented DoHA's Syringe Driver Replacement Program for rural and remote services. The website is at <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/cpcre/subcutaneous/home.asp>

All materials from the education program will be available on the website - the manual, patient/carer information booklet, wall posters, and updated 'Guidelines for subcutaneous infusion device management in palliative care'. A CD containing all content from the website will be available in the near future for those without fast internet access.

Further information on the education program is available from cpcre@health.qld.gov.au or 07 3636 1449.

PaCCSC Update

The Palliative Care Clinical Studies Collaborative (PaCCSC) randomised controlled trial of ketamine for cancer related pain, headed by Lead Chief Investigator Professor Janet Hardy, is complete and the results are being analysed.

Five other PaCCSC trials are well under way:

- a trial of octreotide for bowel obstruction is nearing completion
- a haloperidol/risperidone/placebo trial for delirium is recruiting well, and is already the largest published trial in this area
- megestrol acetate/dexamethasone/placebo for loss of appetite
- morphine/oxycodone/placebo for breathlessness
- sertraline for breathlessness

A number of PaCCSC members have been successful in applications for NHMRC grants; these studies are now being developed and conducted throughout the PaCCSC sites.

PaCCSC is also assisting Queensland University of Technology staff to implement trials. Trial 1 is testing antiemetic guidelines, while Trial 2 tests the efficacy of ondansetron and methotrimeprazine for nausea in a palliative population. The latter drugs are as yet unlicensed for nausea in this population. The studies are funded by the NHMRC and led by Professor Patsy Yates and Professor Janet Hardy.

Further information on PaCCSC is available from www.CareSearch.com.au

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