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Did You Know:

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners has opened applications for its **2009 General Practice research grants**.

In 2009, up to 12 research grants are available to RACGP member general practitioners or general practice registrars through the RACGP Research Foundation.

Support is in the form of networking with experienced researchers, allocation of CPD points for research participation and the opportunity to apply for one of the grants and scholarships awarded each year. New and emerging general practitioner researchers are encouraged to apply.

Applications close on 15 April 2009.

For more information: email the [Research and Grants Program Administrator](#), or phone (03) 8699 0496 or (03) 8699 0481 or visit the RACGP website: <http://www.racgp.org.au/researchfoundation/grants>

CPCRE News Update

Calendar - The Centre's 2009 Education Calendar has now been circulated. If you didn't receive a copy in the mail and you would like to please contact [CPCRE](#). An on-line calendar has also been created and is available to all education providers to add details of their upcoming events. Email [CPCRE](#) if you would like a new workshop added.

Education - Our April Clinical Skills workshop at RBWH is now fully prescribed. The response to the workshop has been outstanding - with a waiting list now created. CPCRE are running further clinical skills workshops in Mackay (March), RBWH (August) and on the Fraser Coast (October). Please email [John Haberecht](#) for more information on these workshops. The workshops are open to all nurses involved in the delivery of palliative care - hospital, community, aged care etc.

PEPA - The current PEPA Program finishes in June 2010. The Queensland PEPA Manager is hoping to complete all of the clinical placements prior to 2010 to enable reporting and evaluation of the program. Several clinical placements still exist for **allied health professionals** and **medical professionals** inclusive of GPs, SMOs, GP registrars and MSRPP. A waiting list exists for Nursing placements. Please email [Kathryn Laurent](#) for more information.

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The PEPA Program (Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach), in conjunction with CPCRE is running the following workshops over the first few months of 2009:

- PEPA Allied Health Update - Mackay, Friday 20th March 2009
- CPCRE Clinical Skills workshop - Mackay, Friday 20th March 2009 - workshop now full!
- PEPA GP Update - Mackay, Saturday 21st March 2009

For more information on PEPA workshops, or to apply for a clinical exchange, please email [Kathryn Laurent](#) or phone (07) 3636 6216.

For more information on clinical skills workshops, please email [John Haberecht](#) or phone 3636 8197.

Upcoming on Queensland Research Activity- CPCRE 8th Annual Research Conference

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The CPCRE **8th Annual Research Conference** is being held at the Education Centre Auditorium at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital on **Friday 5th June 2008**.

Newsletter Content

Please email [Tanya Trevena](mailto:Tanya.Trevena@health.qld.gov.au) if there is content that you would like considered for publication in Centre On-Line.

Mailing List

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The conference theme is 'Palliative Care in the Community'. The conference will showcase various palliative care research activities in general practice, community care and aged care.

The national keynote speaker is Prof Margaret O'Connor, President of Palliative Care Australia and our local key note presenters are Dr John Rosenberg, A/Prof Geoff Mitchell and Dr Deborah Parker.

Registration forms are available on the [CPCRE website](http://www.cpcre.org.au). A full program will be available on our website by mid-March.

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Abstracts are now being accepted for the **Cancer Council Queensland** 32nd Annual Conference of the Oncology Nurses Group. For more information please go to the CCQ website: www.cancerqld.org.au/ong/ Abstracts from allied health professionals are encouraged.

RBWH Hospital in the Nursing Home **Aged Care Conference** is being held at the RBWH Education Centre from the 18-20 May 2009. Registration is \$440 plus GST and includes the conference dinner. For more details please call (07) 3636 1524 or email bridgingthegap@health.qld.gov.au.

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Community Palliative Care Medication Guidelines

For many years palliative care service providers have been concerned about how to effectively, safely and legally administer medications for palliative care patients who wish to remain at home.

These concerns are addressed in "[Guidelines for the handling of medication in community based palliative care services in Queensland](#)".

The guidelines were developed following collaboration between many palliative care professionals. The Guidelines represent consensus-based best practice in palliative care and have recently been endorsed by the Chief Health Officer, Queensland Health.

Further information can be found on the [CPCRE website](http://www.cpcre.org.au) or by calling Brisbane South Palliative Care Collaborative on (07) 3169 9879.

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