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Did You Know:

That GPs, SMOs, GP registrars and MSRPP have access to Commonwealth funded Palliative Care education via the PEPA program. What will you gain from a PEPA placement?:

- 32 hours (4 days) of clinical placement with a Palliative Care specialist in Brisbane, or in a QLD regional area
- 40 category 1 RACGP QA&CPD points or 64 ACCRM points
- meals and incidental allowance as per QHealth rates
- travel and accommodation costs paid by PEPA
- a backfill payment up to \$4320 plus GST to you or your employer
- updates palliative care clinical skills and enhanced palliative care networks

CPCRE News Update

The Centre has been busy bringing together educational activities for our **2009 calendar**. Thank you to Rosaleen Matters for accessing and collating all of the activities.

The Centre's **website** is now being hosted by Queensland Health. Thank you to QUT for hosting our existing website and **thank you to John Haberecht** who has been putting in the hard yards to recreate the Queensland Health site. If you have resources or material that you think is appropriate for our website, please email [John Haberecht](mailto:John.Haberecht@qld.gov.au) or phone 3636 8197. Our new internet address is www.health.qld.gov.au/cpcre/.

A new specialist training package for Registered Nurses wanting to specialise in Palliative Care is currently being developed by the Centre. The Centre will host and facilitate a training package. A call for interested parties will occur in 2009.

On behalf of CPCRE, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2009! Please note: CPCRE will be closed from 4pm 24th December 2008 and will reopen at 8am Monday 5th January 2009.

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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
- PEPA GP Update Mackay, Saturday 21st March 2009
- CPCRE Clinical Skills workshop RBWH, Friday 17th April 2009

For more information on PEPA workshops, or to apply for a clinical exchange, please email [Kathy Laurent](mailto:Kathy.Laurent@qld.gov.au) or phone 3636 6216.

For more information on clinical skills workshops, please email [John Haberecht](mailto:John.Haberecht@qld.gov.au) or phone 3636 8197.

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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**.

– logistics and host site communication are supported by the QLD PEPA manager, email [Kathy Laurent](mailto:Kathy.Laurent@health.qld.gov.au) or phone 3636 6216 for more information.

Clinical exchanges are still available for 2009.

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

Do you receive the Centre's quarterly electronic newsletter and other periodic publications? If not, and you would like your name to be added to our database, please email us and provide the following details: title, name, position, organisation, contact phone number and email address.

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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 confirmed local key note presenters are Dr John Rosenberg (community), A/Prof Geoff Mitchell (GP) and Dr Deborah Parker (aged care).

For details on how to submit an abstract please see the attached document.

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A network of **educators from CPCRE, Mt Olivet and the Cancer Council Queensland** will be meeting in the new year to discuss ideas and processes that would allow for improved collaboration with regards to Palliative Care education in Queensland. If you would like to participate in this meeting, please email [Tanya Trevena](mailto:Tanya.Trevena@health.qld.gov.au) or phone 3636 1337 by Friday 9th January 2009.

CPCRE's **2009 educational calendar** will soon be available on our website. We also hope to maintain an electronic calendar so activity can be added to it during the 2009 calendar year. Email [CPCRE](#) if you would like a new workshop added.

Resource Showcase

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BMC Palliative Care is an open access journal publishing original peer-reviewed research articles in the clinical, scientific, ethical and policy issues, local and international, regarding all aspects of hospice and palliative care for the dying and for those with profound suffering related to chronic illness.

Website: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpalliatcare>

Current articles of interest on the BMC website include:

- General practitioners' use and experiences of palliative care services: a survey in south east England
- Caregivers' active role in palliative home care to encourage or to dissuade? A qualitative descriptive study
- How useful are systematic reviews for informing palliative care practice? Survey of 25 Cochrane systematic reviews
- Emergency calls and need for emergency care in patients looked after by a palliative care team: Retrospective interview study with bereaved relatives

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