Dear colleagues,

Digital Prescribing regulations amended for Queensland

- The necessary amendment has now been made to the Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996 (HDPR) to support the Commonwealth Government’s National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement 2020.
- A separate e-mail with more detail and resources was sent this morning.

International Family Doctor Day

- 19 May is World Family Doctor Day! It provides an opportunity to highlight the role and contribution of family doctors in health care systems around the world. The event is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the central role of general practice in the delivery of personal, comprehensive and continuing health care for patients. It’s also a chance to celebrate the progress being made in primary care and the special contributions of family doctors globally, including in the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Practical tip (thanks IMT)

- We received clinical queries whether sedation is available to enable testing for patients who require to be sedated for the nasal swab. IMT provided this response: ‘While testing is required to definitively diagnose a person with COVID-19, in the scenario where the risks of undertaking testing are high (for example where sedation is required) then there are alternatives to having a test. If, based on epidemiological and/or clinical criteria the treating doctor feels that the individual has COVID-19 they can be managed as a suspect case, without testing being undertaken. If the treating doctor feels that an individual who will require sedation to undertake testing must be tested, this should be able to be arranged in consultation between the doctor requesting testing and a hospital or clinical facility which is able to provide this service.’

Literature

- Do vitamin D levels affect the risk of infection and severity of COVID-19? Possibly, but there is still insufficient evidence: https://www1.racgp.org.au/newsgp/clinical/do-vitamin-d-levels-affect-risk-of-infection-and-

Inspirational thought

Have any of you perspired on the ‘illusion of change treadmill’ in the past? I certainly have, and wanted to share the following image from www.changenuggets.com that describes the process well. Please note that the image must be purchased (I did) before it can be used or distributed.
Kind regards,

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