

Early Wins

*Notes from Victorian Program Workers network meeting – 25th May '05

GP Up-skilling in Aged Care

- Supervised Clinical Attachments
- CPD activities
- Use of Medicare Items available; Comprehensive Medical Assessment, Residential Medication Management item, GP contribution to care plan, Allied Health Services
- MBS item checklist & Kits
- Access Geriatrician – Education

GP Relationships with Aged Care Facilities

- Encourage GP Champion Models
- Local level improved GP with ACH communications
- GPs raising issues and enablers to working in ACHs
- Introduce nurses from ACH into General Practice
- After hours checklist
- Development/adaptation/promotion of Guidelines

Division relationship with Aged Care Facilities

- Strengthen partnerships – using personal approach
- Aged Care/ GP Panels newsletter Newsletter
- Medical Director trials, installation and support in ACH
- Emergence of Regional networks - divisions included

Aged Care Facilities Networking

- Better Communication between ACHs – strengthen their networks

Acute Sector Interface

- Addressing ACH issues /c acute sector – discharge

Medication Management

- Pharmacy Forum – Reviewing Pharmacy – RMMR etc
- Pharmacy with GPs working in AC
- professional expectations agreement
- Letter to HIC addressing issues of scripts
- Standardisation of drug/medicine charts (bulk purchase charts) for ACH in region across to 16 in Tasmania and 25 in Northern Victoria (compact)

Supervised Clinical Attachment in Geriatric Experience (SAGE)

- Melbourne/Northern division has developed a structured clinical attachment called SAGE (Supervised Attachment for Geriatric Experience)
- The curriculum has been developed by the project team comprising of GP mentors and senior staff of ACHs
- Core content include; advanced care planning, medication management, palliative care, after hours care protocols & the new medicare plus items. Other areas include; positive stories of care, accreditation process, RCS requirements & one day in the life of a resident in an aged care home
- GPs have been recruited to undertake a 10-15 hours structured geriatric learning experience with a GP mentor Collaborative organisations have been recruited to contribute to the teaching such as Aged Care Assessment Teams, Northern Hospital, Melbourne Health, St Vincent's Health & St George's Aged Psychiatry.