

**GP Education, Support and Community Linkages Program
March 2001 Email Update Number 9**

1. EPC Web Page

Documents, which have been referred to in *Italics* in this document, (and a few others) are posted on the GPDV EPC web page.

What's New this month

PIP for Care Planning

EPC standard Quarterly Activity

Reporting Format (minor changes to format)

October to December 2000 Reports

Received from Divisions

EPC 3rd funding instalment

EPC training skills Workshop Evaluation & Photo Show

**2. Expressions of interest -
Enhanced primary care clinical
audit package trial**

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, has been contracted by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, to develop a Clinical Audit package for the EPC items. This will allow GPs at various stages of implementation of the new items to review their practice, identify learning needs and develop strategies to improve performance with the items.

As part of this project a National trial of the EPC Clinical audit package is planned and will commence in early May 2001. Expressions of interest are invited from Divisions of General Practice in Victoria to participate in the trial with potential for 3 Divisions in Victoria to participate. A total of 15 Divisions will be selected across Australia and will include a range of urban, rural and remote area trials. The trial will be run over a period of 4 months. The trial will involve recruitment of 10 GPs by participating Divisions to trial the

Clinical Audit, provide GP support and liaise regularly with the EPC Clinical Audit project officer at the RACGP. Divisions will be remunerated for their role in assisting the RACGP to administer the audit trial. GPs will also be remunerated for participation in the Clinical Audit trial and Clinical Audit points will be gained through the RACGP QA & CE program subject to approval.

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3. Consumer Strategy Update

ADGP has advised that there will be no EPC media campaign as initially anticipated. There have been some changes to the consumer brochure, which is being reprinted, which will be distributed to consumers through Medicare Offices.

The consumer brochures will be translated and will be available on the DH&AC website.

**4. Standard EPC Quarterly
Activity Report**

There are a small number of divisions who have not sent in their *October to December 2000 Quarterly Activity Report*. Please do so as soon as possible as this reporting period is linked with the *3rd funding instalment* of 25%. Please ensure that you attach a tax invoice to your report.

5. EPC Training Skills Workshops

The GPDV EPC Training Skills workshops held on the Saturday 24th February and Saturday 3rd March and facilitated by David Ellis was a terrific success. The *evaluation report* and *photo show* for the 1st session has been prepared and can be viewed on the website.

34 participants have attended the workshops so far. David focused on the GP trainer and division trainer working in partnership in developing EPC education.

Due to popular demand the workshop will be repeated on Saturday 24th March. A reminder that GPDV is funding one GP (or division worker) representative for participation in the workshop. The workshop agenda and claim forms are posted on the web page. There will be a maximum of 20 participants for this workshop. To avoid disappointment, please register as soon as possible.



David Ellis facilitating a session on the use of role plays in EPC Education

I really enjoyed Saturday and feel I found out what I needed through doing some of those role-plays on the day. I now have quite a few ideas for the next event and it was good as a reminder that it isn't too scary to try something different.

Margaret Kuhne, South Gippsland Division



Participants enjoying giving each other a massage

I went to the GPDV EPC training on 24th Feb & found it great. Anyone who hasn't been should consider it.

Helen Yaacoub, Whitehorse Division



David Iser from South Gippsland utilising 'Photo language'

I thought the workshop went very well on Saturday. It was great to have the opportunity to be quite focused about EPC Education. David is a great facilitator.

Catherine MacKay, West Vic Division