



**Practice Nurse Network Meeting
Thursday September 3rd 2009 12.30-2.00pm**

Minutes

Attendees: Deb Hankin, Danni Steele, Gail Creanor, Beth Bromley, Lisa Timmins, Vicki Duffy, Gail Schuler, Dee Galea, Sharon Lowe, Jacinta Jolly, Orla Conaughton, Melissa Harris, Trudi Williams, Julie Curtain, Lisa Wisely, Janet McCosh, Katrina Hishon, Genevieve Hymers, Helen Payne, Marg Wilson, Heather Kinnersly, Tracey Ho, Jill Griffiths, Caroline Nash, Janet Geyle, Julie Mayne, Terri Torpy, Barb Peters, Jo Labbett, Martine Donegan, Sue Benson

23 Practice Nurses, 6 Practice Team Members, 2 City of Ballarat Immunisation staff
17 Practices represented and City of Ballarat

Apologies: Leonie Donnelly, Stephanie Neblett, Nicola Harman

1. Presenter: Pota Froutizis from ACIR- Discussion Topic:

Understanding ACIR reporting including:

- a. Effective reporting
- b. Electronic reporting via clinical software and by website
- c. Using ACIR /GPII reports for claim reconciliation and patient recall
- d. Understanding the GPII coverage assessment cycle and criteria
- e. Local issues and trends

2. H1N1 Human Swine Influenza Vaccination Rollout-2009

Under discussion but not verified:

- Remain in Protect Phase- will move to Control Phase with roll out of vaccine
 - 130 recorded deaths in Australia from H1N1
 - Victoria allocated 5.1 million doses- rollout late August 2009– January 2010
 - Clinical trials underway to determine whether 1 or 2 doses necessary (likely to be 2 doses)
 - No children under 10 years to be immunised until safety profile complete
 - Children 6 months to 3 years to be immunised with pre filled syringes (thiomersal free-dosage 0.25ml)
 - Panvax multi dose vials-Dosage 0.5ml IM- with Thiomersal protect from light-storage 2-8 degrees)- essential for each practice to have policy to prevent contamination
 - Available for all health care staff
 - Mini pack for General Practice and Maxi pack for large hospitals
 - Consent forms being developed
 - Will need to notify for adverse events- no register- will be important to have reminder system if 2nd dose
 - Vaccine may not be TGA registered- implications for indemnity APNA have no limitation to policy for Nurse immunisers insured through them- LGA insurers have been approved, General Practice approved- check with insurers
2. Brief discussion re new intradermal flu vaccine for 2010 flu season information on APNA website <http://www.apna.asn.au/displayindustryarticle.cfm?articlenbr=40018&startrec=1>
4. Events Folder Reminder- Ausmed last of 4 year old health assessment courses-dates, Nurse Immunisers casual consulting for immunisation firm, APNA news –Scholarships, Salary and conditions
 5. Upcoming events:
 - a. Thursday 15th October –TBC PN Item Numbers-Lynne Walker

**b. Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October - Lifeline Domestic Violence Support
Training October**

Close 2.00pm

Next Meeting - To be confirmed