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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HEALTH ISSUES CENTRE

2009 'Participating in Health – My Story Matters' Conference

Health Issues Centre has been funded by the Victorian Department of Human Services Statewide Quality Branch to organise the 2009 'Participating in Health – My Story Matters' Conference.

Dates : 21-22 September 2009

Venue: Victoria University, 300 Flinders Street, Melbourne

The Conference will be overseen by a reference group which includes consumers and members of the Participation Advisory Committee. Registrations will open soon. For further information, please contact Julia Byford:

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Quality Health Care Conversation Consumer Consultation

Health Issues Centre has been funded by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care to deliver a one day workshop with consumers on the new National Safety and Quality Framework for Australia. The framework is designed to guide action to improve safety and quality of care in all healthcare settings over the next decade. If you would like to participate download the information form and registration form:

[Quality Health Care Conversation Consumer Consultation Information](#)

[Quality Health Care Conversation Consumer Consultation Registration Form](#)

Consumer Participation in Research Project

Health Issues Centre is conducting four sessions on consumer participation in research. (see information in link below). The main aim of the project is to build the skills and knowledge of cancer consumers and carers to work in collaboration with cancer researchers in Victoria.

To participate you need to register by filling in the Registration Form (link below) and submit a brief resume (no more than one page using proforma in the link below) about your advocacy or consumer participation work.

[Consumer participation in research project information](#)

[Consumer participation in research project registration form](#)

[Consumer participation in research project resume](#)

Please contact Tere Dawson for further information:

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Current Projects

HIC has a number of new projects! Please visit our website to see what we are up to:

<http://www.healthissuescentre.org.au/projects/current.shtml>

JOURNAL NEWS

New Articles Available

Articles from Health Issues Journal edition# 98 are now available:

[Health Issues Journal #98](#)

Health Issues Celebrates Edition #100: Submission deadline for articles is Friday, 3 July 2009

Call for contributors to this very special edition of *Health Issues* to celebrate our achievements and look into the future of consumer, carer and community participation!

<http://www.healthissuescentre.org.au/documents/items/2009/06/281140-upload-00001.pdf>

The Guidelines for Authors are available at:

http://www.healthissuescentre.org.au/documents/detail.shtml?filename_num=204565

We hope that you will consider submitting an article for this edition. If you would like to discuss your ideas or wish to express interest in making a written contribution to the Journal, please contact Tere Dawson:

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CONSUMER PARTICIPATION

Consumers Advancing Patient Safety (CAPS)

Consumers Advancing Patient Safety is a consumer-led, non-for-profit organization based in Chicago, USA. It aims to be a collective voice for individuals, families and others who wish to prevent harm in healthcare provision through partnership and collaboration. CAPS is committed to exploring and contributing the wisdom and experience that consumers can offer to patient safety research, education of both consumers and providers, reporting of bad outcomes and near misses, development and implementation of solutions that can prevent harm, and policy making that will help create healthcare systems that are safe, compassionate and just.

You can visit this organisation's website at:

<http://www.patientsafety.org/page/89952/;jsessionid=6t50ofaoarhgo>

EVENTS OF INTEREST

The Centre for Cultural Diversity in Ageing 2009, Professional Development: Culture and Spirituality in Ageing Migrant Communities Forum

Speakers at this seminar will explore the role of spirituality and religion in the ageing migrant communities.

Date: Friday, 12 June 2009

Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm

Venue: Monash University, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne

Cost: \$88 per person (GST inclusive)

Refreshments and lunch provided

To book, please complete a Registration Form: [Conference Registration Form.pdf](#)

You can also register online at www.culturaldiversity.com.au

For more information, please contact Klaudia Vainshtein:

Tel: (03) 8823 7900

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Website: <http://www.culturaldiversity.com.au/Default.aspx?tabid=226>

Chronic Illness Alliance (CIA) Forum on Assisting Self-Employed People Who Become Chronically Ill

This forum will educate participants about using the *Illness and Business Plan* and provide the opportunity to be better informed about supporting this group of clients.

Date: Thursday, 18 June 2009
Times: 3:00 – 5:00pm
Venue: Epilepsy Foundation, 818 Burke Road, Camberwell
Cost: No cost – Free attendance

Please RSVP by 12 June to Jo-Anne Tamlyn at the Chronic Illness Alliance.

For more information, please contact Jo-Anne at:

Tel: (03) 9882 4654
Email: jtamlyn@chronicillness.org.au
Web: <http://www.chronicillness.org.au>

CONFERENCES

Federation of Ethnic Communities Council of Australia Conference: Strengthening Multiculturalism & Building Social Inclusion

Dates: 29 - 30 October 2009
Venue: Eastbanc Centre, Shepparton
Website: http://www.fecca.org.au/PDF/Conference_2009.pdf

7th Australian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care

Dates: 7 - 9 September 2009
Sydney – Darling Harbour, Sydney
Website: <http://www.aqhc2009.org.au/>

POLICY NEWS

Caring for Oral Health in Australian Residential Care

(Jane M. Chalmers, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, 27 May 2009)

As the Australian population ages and more older Australians retain their natural teeth, more people living in residential aged care are developing complex oral disease and dental problems. For more information, please follow the link:

[Caring for oral health in Australian residential care](#)

An Overview of Chronic Kidney Disease in Australia, 2009

(Justin Graf, Claire Ryan, Frances Green, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 27 May, 2009)

This report explains what chronic kidney disease is and describes its extent and patterns in the Australian community. For more information, please follow the link: [An overview of chronic kidney disease in Australia, 2009](#)

National and State Policy Context for PCPs Information Resource

The National and state policy context for primary care partnerships information resource is now available [online](#). The document summarises key policies and strategies influencing the direction of PCPs and primary health care in Victoria.

For more information, please contact Jenk Akyalcin:

Tel: (03) 9096 7646
Web: http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pcps/publications/info_resource.htm
Email: Jenk.Akyalcin@dhs.vic.gov.au

OTHER NEWS

National Human Rights Consultation

The National Human Rights Consultation provides an opportunity for you to share your views on human rights in Australia.

For further information, please follow the link below:

<http://www.humanrightsconsultation.gov.au/www/nhrcc/nhrcc.nsf>

New Regional Cancer Data Now Available

The Victorian Cancer Registry has for many years published annual statistics in its *Canstat* publications, the latest being *Cancer in Victoria 2006*. Much of this information is now also available online from the interactive reporting system or as prepared slides from the downloadable Victorian cancer slides compendium.

The [Cancer Statistics home page](#) includes links to:

- [Interactive on-line statistics](#), which contain nearly a quarter of century of cancer data presented in a variety of reports and graph formats or as data downloads.
- [Victorian Cancer Slides](#), which present statistical trends for a number of different cancers are available for use in presentations.
- [Cancer in Victoria 2006 \(Canstat No. 46\)](#) which includes incidence and mortality statistics for Victoria.

For topics such as skin cancer, the SunSmart team will be providing more information to assist with health promotion and prevention planning in coming months. For SunSmart information, please contact Shannon Jones, SunSmart Workplace and Community Programs Coordinator:

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For more general information, please contact Vicky Thursfield:

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Website: http://www.cancervic.org.au/about-research/cancer_epidemiology_centre/cancer-statistics/

Email: cec@cancervic.org.au

DO YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED

Consumer Positions

Please visit our website to download information and application forms:

<http://www.healthissuescentre.org.au/participate/>

Consumer Position CNP090038: ALIGN Study Advisory Committee

Closing date: June 29 2009

The ALIGN Study Advisory Committee, at Monash Institute of Health Service Research. The ALIGN Study is a randomised controlled trial which aims to improve the care by allied health professionals for people with acute low-back pain.

Consumer Position CNP090036: Enhancing Best Practice in Residential Aged Care Infection Control project Steering Committee (EBPRAC)

Closing date: 29 June 2009

The role of the EBPRAC Committee is to ensure that the EBPRAC meets its objectives: to reduce the number of infections within the residential aged care facilities participation in the program and to improve outcomes for residents residing within residential aged care facilities participation in the program.

Consumer Position CNP090039: The Physiotherapy in Victoria Advisory Committee
Closing date: 8 July 2009

The Physiotherapy in Victoria Advisory Committee will work on an overseas physiotherapy study in Victoria. The Committee will provide advice on various aspects of the study including issues around practitioner - patient recruitment, study feasibility and acceptability. The study has been funded by the Physiotherapy Registration Board of Victoria, and will obtain data about physiotherapy practice in Victoria by conducting a random sample audit of Victorian physiotherapy practitioners and the patients who seek their care.

Consumer Position: Melbourne Health Pressure Ulcer Prevention Working Group
Closing date: 24 July 2009

Melbourne Health is looking for a consumer to join a Working Group which oversees the organisational wide Pressure Ulcer Prevention Strategy. The role of the consumer is to provide a consumer perspective in the planning, delivery and evaluation of the Strategy. For further information, please contact Linda Mack on (03) 9342 7760.

NEW ON OUR WEBSITE - JUNE 2009

The Consumer Perspective

Health Issues Centre, with funding from the Victorian Department of Human Services maintains and provides a webpage which contains information about consumer participation in health. Documents focus on resources - key relevant policy documents, examples of participation in practice, and research on consumer participation:

[New Resources added for June 2009-Consumer Perspectives](#)

2009 Budget – Comment on Health Reforms

Health Issues Centre welcomes the broadening of the roles of Midwives and Nurse Practitioners outlined in the 2009 Budget, and the provision of greater resources for family carers. Changes to the roles of health professionals are part of broader reform of the Australian health workforce to improve health consumer access to timely and effective care.

Health Issues Centre media release: [Media Release-2009 Federal Budget](#)

NEW RESOURCES

Closing the Gap in a Generation: Health Equity Through Action on the Social Determinants of Health

Social justice is a matter of life and death. It affects the way people live, their consequent chance of illness, and their risk of premature death. We watch in wonder as life expectancy and good health continue to increase in parts of the world and in alarm as they fail to improve in others.

To download the full Report (multilingual):

[Chinese \[pdf 5.1Mb\]](#) | [English \[pdf 7.28Mb\]](#) | [French \[pdf 3.6Mb\]](#) | [Russian \[pdf 6.3Mb\]](#) | [Spanish \[pdf 3.3Mb\]](#)

To download the Executive Summary (multilingual):

[Arabic \[pdf 2.10Mb\]](#) | [Chinese \[pdf 5.15Mb\]](#) | [English \[pdf 4.25Mb\]](#) | [French \[pdf 4.73Mb\]](#) | [Russian \[pdf 4.85Mb\]](#) | [Spanish \[pdf 4.85Mb\]](#)

Ten Ideas for Building a Strong Australian Rural Health System

Published: May 2009

Full text: [View a printable version](#)

Author(s): JA Greenhill, D Mildenhall and D Rosenthal

Newly-Released Report from Diabetes Australia - Vic on Type 1 Diabetes and Eating Disorders: 2008 Online Survey Report

Diabetes Australia - Vic has released a report that has been compiled by Diabetes Australia - Vic and the Centre for Adolescent Health, Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, delivering the results of an online survey conducted in August 2008. The survey investigated the personal experiences of people with Type 1 Diabetes, related to diabetes-specific disordered eating behaviours; in particular, insulin manipulation. The survey was completed by 243 individuals from around Australia and provides valuable insight into the psychosocial origins of insulin manipulation and communication of potential mental health complications of Type 1 Diabetes.

For an electronic copy of the report, please contact Renza Scibilia, Type 1 Diabetes Program Leader.

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Jean Hailes Foundation Women's Health Education Resource Kit

The Jean Hailes Foundation has developed a women's health education resource kit comprised of a DVD and small booklet. The kit's primary objectives are to support health educators and increase their capacity to provide current evidence-based education to women in their local community. It also aims to provide women across Australia with accurate, up-to-date information to assist them in maintaining their health and wellbeing. The kit has been developed by the Jean Hailes Foundation with the support of women's health specialists.

For more information, please contact the Jean Hailes Foundation:

Tel: 1800 151 441

Website: <http://www.jeanhailes.org.au/>

Australian Institute of Health Policy Studies (AIHPS) Resources

The following AIHPS resources are [now available](#):

- Consumer Engagement in Australian Health Policy: Investigating Current Approaches
- Developing New Models for More Effective Consumer Participation

Improving Care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities

Health Issues Centre undertook an audit of 122 Quality of Care reports on behalf of the Victorian Department of Human Services. In the process of auditing Quality of Care reports, it became apparent that many health services were finding it a challenge to engage their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Given the urgent need to address the many complex health issues for Indigenous Australians, we thought it helpful to showcase a range of health services that have made some steps to improve care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consumers. To access this information, please follow the link: [documents/items/2009/06/280648-upload-00001.pdf](#) (129.21Kb)

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