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Welcome to the winter edition of the HITH News. We would like to remind you of two upcoming conferences.

Don't forget to register for the 2nd CAPAC and HITH Seminar on the 25th and 26th of October 2007 in Sydney. Invited speakers include Professor Jochanan Stressman from Israel as well as:

Stella Smith from New Zealand,

Dr Ray Lowenthal from Tasmania,

Dr Judith Futtermenger from Western Australia,

Gail Nielson from Queensland,

Dr Alex Padiglione, Dr Geoffrey Sussman, Dr Annie Murphy, Dr Benjamin Lui, Maxine Duke & Mari Botti, Julian Howard, Bernadette Donnellon from Victoria, and

Professor Branco Celler, Dr Gideon Caplan, Dr Connie Katelaris, Dr Susie Piper, Dr Suhan Basker, Dr Nick Collins, Mark Lowenthal, Janis Coconis, Sue Ruxton, Jonathan Holt, Amanda Trist, Adele Kelly, Felicity Jenkins, Kathryn Watts from NSW.

The deadline for abstracts is 13 August 2007. Please send abstracts to l.demos@alfred.org.au. For further details about registration contact Medical Meetings (email: anna@medicalmeetings.com.au or telephone 02 9331 7566)

For those interested in disease management there is still time to register for the **National ADMA Conference** in September please check the website at www.adma.org.au for further details.

We would very much appreciate appreciate any contributions to this Newsletter.

The ACA Team
(Kaylene, Marion, Lisa)

Recent requests from the HITH Chat Line

The most recent queries that we received include requests for information on the following:

- Guidelines on phone contact or phone-contact admissions
- Flushing of Central Venous Catheters and minimum standards of documentation
- APD/Pamidronate and Zoledronic Acid infusion Protocols in HITH
- Storage of patients medical records during HITH
- Policy or procedures for the provision of HITH to children
- Anaphylaxis protocols and EpiPens
- Medication charts for HITH
- Protocol for interferon alpha-2b (Intron A) administration in HITH
- Standard of Practice for patient identification in HITH
- Protocol for resiting Jelco® catheters
- Policy, procedures and general information on HITH Services
- Policies, procedures, guidelines or checklists of self-administration of intravenous antibiotics at home
- Experience with CoaguChek home INR monitoring and recording of INR results
- Physician satisfaction with HITH

News

Private Sector Outreach Services - Hospital in the Home

From 1 April, 2007 HITH services can be included in a broader health cover product provided by private health insurance funds without needing Government approval. Individual funds can decide whether or not they offer outreach services as part of broader health cover. Hospitals will need to negotiate directly with health funds for the provision of HITH services.

The approval process under the Private Sector Outreach Services Program has been discontinued. Private Sector Outreach Services which had approval on 1 April, 2007 will continue to be approved to 30 June, 2008.

Web Resources

HealthInsite has topic areas on Allergies and Hypersensitivities

(http://www.healthinsite.gov.au/topics/Allergies_and_Hypersensitivities)

including Anaphylaxis

(<http://www.healthinsite.gov.au/topics/Anaphylaxis>).

Upcoming Conferences

5th Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care - The Power of Us

6-8 August 2007

Brisbane Convention Centre, QLD

W: www.sapmea.asn.au/conventions/sqhc2007/index.html

3rd Australasian Congress on Negative Pressure Wound Therapy & Emerging Wound Healing Technologies-New Horizons

10-11 August 2007

Sydney, NSW

W: www.new-horizons.com.au

12th World Congress on Health (Medical) Informatics

20-24 August 2007

Brisbane Convention Centre, QLD

W: www.medinfo2007.org

Redesigning Healthcare for Older Australians: From Hospital to Home: Improving and Streamlining Outcomes for Aged Care

21-24 August 2007

Melbourne, VIC

W: www.iqpc.com/au/hfoa

Achieving Excellence in Vascular Access

7-10 September 2007

Phoenix, Arizona, USA

W: www.avainfo.org/website/article.asp?id=102918

Disease Management is it Worth it?

6-7 September 2007

Park Hyatt, Melbourne, VIC

W: www.adma.org.au

CAPAC & HITH Conference

25-26 October 2007

Sydney, NSW

E: anna@medicalmeetings.com.au

Hospital in the Home (HITH) Seminar

8 November, 2007

Palmerston North, NZ

E: robyn_johnstone@baxter.com or philippa.Carson@midcentral.co.nz

Skill Mix and Workforce Development: sharing the lessons learnt

22-23 November 2007

Hilton on the Park, Melbourne, VIC

W: www.changechampions.com.au/