



Best wishes for 2005

As we come to the end of another year the staff at Ambulatory Care Australia would like to thank you all for your support and wish everyone all the best for the coming year. We would also like to remind you to keep some time free for our conference in August 2005. Details will be available early next year.

This year ACA has been busy managing the HITH information exchange, organising our annual conference and keeping you informed via the HITH Review and the Newsletter as well as launching the Australian Disease Management Association (ADMA). Members of the Association have access to the ADMA newsletter, a literature review journal, Disease Management Information exchange line and an article database. Contact us if you would like further information.

We don't have much news for you in this issue apart from the availability of a video for patients undergoing chemotherapy, a pharmacy certificate program for home infusions and what's new from OPAT and HCERC. Please feel free to contribute to the Newsletter with any information you think other programs will be interested in.

Outpatient Parenteral Anti-microbial Therapy (OPAT) Newsletter

The November/December newsletter available from www.opat.com discusses the growing use of intravenous antifungal medications in home care; successful care and management strategies dressings for patients with PICCS and midlines; management of new symptoms during OPAT; cefazolin versus ceftriaxone for OPAT and the case of a 10-year old boy who died of complications arising during OPAT.

Resources

Video for Patients Receiving Chemotherapy

HITH programs managing oncology patients may be interested in a video produced by Southern Health, Victoria entitled "Staying well during chemotherapy"- that demonstrates in-home self-help concepts to patients using visual cues and standard patient information. This video is also suitable for patients who are non-English speaking or have a limited English background.

US Pharmacy Certificate Program

Home Infusion Pharmacy Certificate Program and Sterile Compounding Resources for home care are available at www.nhianet.org/about/sterilecompounding.cfm

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Home and Community Care Evaluation and Research Centre (HCERC)

Information about a Canadian research study entitled, "Determinants and Outcomes of Privately and Publicly Financed Home-Based Nursing", is available from Ada Wong, Research Assistant (adaym.wong@utoronto.ca) or Dr. Peter Coyte, Co-Principle Investigator (peter.coyte@utoronto.ca).

Conferences

National Home Infusion Association (NHIA) 14th annual conference and exposition

10 – 13th, February 2005 in New Orleans, Louisiana.
Contact: <http://www.nhianet.org/index.cfm>

8th National Rural Health Conference - Central to Health: sustaining well-being in remote and rural Australia

10th – 13th March 2005 in Alice Springs, NT
Contact: Kristin Ginnivan, Speaker Liaison 02 6285 4660. <http://www.archi.net.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/160821>

Health Information and Management Systems Society Conference 2005.

13-17th February 2005 in Dallas, Texas, USA
Contact: www.himss.org

Websites

Outpatient Parenteral Anti-microbial Therapy Resource

www.opat.com

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

<http://www.ashp.org/>

American Academy of Home Care Physicians

<http://www.aahcp.org/>

American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine

<http://www.acponline.org/>

National Association for Vascular Access

<http://64.87.38.32/cgi-navannet/pages/NVPcat.cgi>

Infusion Nurses Society

<http://www.ins1.org/>

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