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CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT
Matthew Foster - Chairperson

March already! I had the fortunate opportunity to spend a recent weekend meeting the Branch Chairs from all around our country. Each Branch does appear to have its own challenges and difficulties, but the benefits from the trip are the establishment of a Branch Chairs Forum and agreeing to hold a Branch Chair Meeting at least once a year. These have already proved to be fruitful with brainstorming sessions on webinar problem solving and collaboration of research. We’re working to iron out problems with the webinar system to allow all Members to access quality CE, regardless of where you’re based.

The CE Calendar is filling up nicely with the topic of Toxicology fast approaching and the Infectious Diseases Seminar in the new financial year. Here’s a tip: if you register for the ID Seminar before the end of this financial year, you’ll get the early bird discount as well as the tax benefit in this year’s tax return.

The feedback from Pharmacists who have had to go through the AHPRA Auditing process to justify their Continuing Education efforts from the previous year is that unless you’re organised, get ready for pain. The best bit of advice I was given is to ‘ensure that you plan ahead’. For Pharmacists who can realise their knowledge deficits and plan to fill them by specific CE activities, their reflection on the activity and implementation of that knowledge will be more beneficial, noticeable and reportable.

UPCOMING CONTINUING EDUCATION
MARCH CONTINUING EDUCATION - ACUTE OVERDOSE IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Presenter: Etza Peers (Clinical Nurse Consultant, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital)
Date: Tuesday, 31st March
Time: Refreshments at 06:00pm for a 06:30pm start
Venue: Mary Lockett Lecture Theatre, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

Etza Peers is a clinical nurse consultant based at SCGH, specialising in the field of alcohol and drug related problems, with a particular focus on overdose, withdrawals and intoxication. Etza will be sharing a wealth of knowledge with attendees, having had nearly 30 years experience in the field.

Our upcoming CE for April and May are currently planned to have a focus on psychiatry and oncology. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for more information as it is announced!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to all our new branch members!

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FSH: ALL SYSTEMS GO!
Ashleigh Lawrence - CE Coordinator

Fiona Stanley Hospital (FSH) is fully operational with the fourth and final stage of the Hospital’s phased opening now complete five weeks ahead of schedule. Phase 3, the largest and most complex phase, was very successful with the Emergency Department opening at 7am on the 3rd of February and patients from Fremantle and Royal Perth successfully being transferred to the new Hospital over two weekends.

The Hospital’s opening has been a challenging adventure for all involved. For many, seeing the hospital buzzing with approximately 3000 staff after years of planning, budgets and (seemingly) never-ending development plans is a little surreal. FSH is the largest building project ever undertaken by the State Government and is the first hospital to be built in Perth in over 50 years. As a result, we are fortunate enough to have many cutting-edge technologies within the 783 bed Hospital.

The Hospital is home to 18 AGV (Automated Guided Vehicle) mobile robots which help deliver mostly food and linen throughout the tertiary Hospital. The 300kg AGV robots deliver approximately 2200 meals throughout the day as well sing delightful Christmas Carols for the lucky stuff who commenced work in December last year.

Each patient also has access to a Patient Entertainment System (PES) which allows the individual to order their food online, access the internet, watch movies and television as well as communicate with family or friends from the device. The device also has the added benefit of allowing Clinical staff to be able to access the patient’s medical record among other clinical findings from the device by simply adding their staff card into the keyboard slot. Once the ID access card is removed, the patient is unable to access their medical record.

The pharmacy department is set to become automated towards the end of the year with work beginning to install the Rowa® robots in both dispensary and the Main Store. The state of the art robots will select medication and deliver the package to each individual computer terminal based upon the dispensing which will hopefully significantly reduce selection error and improve pharmacy services to the wards and patients within and outside the Hospital.

The enthusiastic and dedicated staff not only in pharmacy but throughout FSH have set an amazing precedent for this hospital, with everyone working together to overcome expected hiccups and to help the vision of making Fiona Stanley one of the best hospitals within Australia, if not the world.

INTERN REPRESENTATIVES 2015
Daniel Rocco - Communications Manager

Congratulations to our new intern representatives for 2015; Shaylee Vekaria (FSH), Andrew Campbell (SCGH), Alyssa Pisano (Kalgoorlie Hospital) and Michaela Huston (Mount Hospital). Applications were highly competitive this year, with a record number received, and all of them of a very high standard.

The SHPA Branch Committee would also like to thank outgoing representative Morlee Vekaria for her time and insight whilst she held the position of intern representative.

THE LOWDOWN ON LABS
Daniel Rocco - Communications Manager

SHPA WA held its first CE event at Fiona Stanley Hospital on the 24th of February and it was an overwhelming success. Yan Ghee Peng (Senior Pharmacist, FSH) presented to a crowd of over 50 pharmacists eager to learn from his many years of clinical experience.

Yan Ghee covered a number of basic electrolyte abnormalities, highlighting common causes and management plans, as well as discussing a number of cases he had personally seen on the ward. His experience in the area made the night well worth attending, giving insight in to the management of electrolyte disturbances, as well as informing the attendees of some considerations to make when managing patients that can only come with experience. Above all, Yan Ghee emphasised the most important point is always to take in to consideration that there is always an actual patient in front of you, just not a set of numbers.

The night was very well received, with overwhelmingly positive feedback. Unfortunately, technology was against us, and the webinar encountered some technical difficulties. But rest assured that the branch committee is working together with Federal office to ensure that our members are able to access high quality CE regardless of format.

We look forward to seeing our members at our next CE event in March. If you have any suggestions for our CE program or feedback about CE events, we highly encourage you to contact the branch via email on wa@shpa.org.au.
MARCH 2015 CONTINUING EDUCATION

TOXICOLOGY: OVERDOSE IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

PRESENTER: ETZA PEERS (CLINICAL NURSE CONSULTANT, SCGH)
DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST 2015
TIME: REFRESHMENTS AT 6:00PM FOR A 6:30PM START
VENUE: MARY LOCKETT THEATRE, SIR CHARLES GAIRDNER HOSPITAL
FREE FOR SHPA MEMBERS, $40 FOR NON-MEMBERS
RSVP TO WA@SHPA.ORG.AU BY 5PM FRIDAY, 27TH MARCH 2015