

# Learning

## Managing the pressures of chronic pain

Date: Tuesday 10 March 2015

**Time:** 6pm Registration and light supper

6.30pm Start and 9pm Finish

Location: Healesville and District Hospital – HECTR Seminar Room

377 Maroondah Hwy, Healesville

For GPs and practice nurses with a special interest in managing opioid-dependant patients or people with chronic/persistent pain issues.

#### **Summary of event**

Management of chronic pain is an ongoing challenge for general practices and their patients because of a perceived lack of relief, demands for "something stronger" and risks of developing dependence.

GPs and practice nurses from across the Outer East consistently report concerns about how to better manage and support patients with chronic pain.

#### Why attend this event?

- This event will empower GPs and practice nurses to respond to complex pain patients' needs confidently and effectively with evidence-based options.
- Learn about chronic pain management referral pathways, services and supports available in the local area and via Eastern Health.
- Discover how a pain management plan can reduce the time and pressure in treating complex pain management patients.
- Explore newer pain medications, their efficacy and methodology of use.
- Understand indications and parameters for use of opioid replacement drugs such as Suboxone.

Presenter: Dr Jayakumar Rangaswamy, Pain Management Consultant, Eastern Health

#### Co-presenters:

- Annie Walker Clinical Nurse Consultant, Pain Services Eastern Health
- Cherylynn Garner HealthPathways Lead, Eastern Melbourne Medicare Local
- Dr Matthew Frei, Addiction Medicine Specialist, Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre, Eastern Health

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This event is being facilitated by the Area 4 Pharmacotherapy Network.

**RSVP:** 3 March 2015.

#### Registration

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