

NEWS AND COMMENT

NSW SENTINEL PRACTICE NETWORKS AWARDED ASSESSMENT POINTS

Illawarra Public Health Unit (PHU) has successfully applied to the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) on behalf of the NSW Sentinel GP Networks for consideration for Practice Assessment Quality Assurance point allocation. The RACGP has indicated it will award 15 practice assessment points per triennium.

GPs are required to be credited at least 20 practice assessment points every three years, as well as points for continuing medical education, as part of the Quality Assurance (QA) program of the RACGP. GPs fulfilling these requirements are entered on the Vocational Register, which qualifies them for higher Medicare rebates.

Point allocation for participation in the NSW Sentinel Practice Networks depends on the following:

- each GP must participate in the project for the full triennium (1993-95);
- the RACGP requires a list from each PHU of the names, addresses and QA reference numbers of all participating GPs;

- each GP must submit a final report of the project to the RACGP in November 1995; and
- should individual GPs enter or leave the project during the triennium they will be considered for adjusted point allocation (e.g. five points a year).

SECOND NSW PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORK CONFERENCE

The second NSW Public Health Network Conference will be held at Westmead Hospital on March 29 and 30 this year. Registration forms and a draft program for the conference, titled Promoting Public Health - Achievements and Initiatives, are available from Public Health Units. More than 60 papers will be presented, and there will be plenary sessions, workshops and interactive sessions. Registration fees are \$80 for attendance on both days, or \$50 for one day. Registrations close on March 4.

ADDENDUM: NSW MIDWIVES DATA COLLECTION REPORT 1992

Table 20 (page 23) should include the following footnote: Vaginal tears for John Hunter Hospital include first, second and third degree tears.

Infectious diseases

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TABLE 6

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS
BY PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT, CUMULATIVE 1993

Condition	CSA	SSA	ESA	SWS	WSA	WEN	NSA	CCA	ILL	HUN	NCR	NER	OFR	CWR	SWR	SER	U/K	Total
Adverse event after immunisation	1	3	2	-	7	-	1	-	1	2	1	4	-	5	2	-	-	29
AIDS	81	14	126	18	19	14	40	4	5	6	29	1	2	5	8	-	-	372
Arboviral Infection	1	1	2	1	1	4	8	1	1	35	72	30	111	15	360	4	-	647
Brucellosis	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Cholera	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Gonorrhoea	55	18	108	18	22	6	24	6	3	8	13	11	20	7	3	4	-	326
H. influenzae epiglottitis	1	7	1	3	-	2	4	1	2	3	2	2	1	-	2	3	-	34
H. influenzae meningitis	4	4	-	9	3	3	5	3	8	1	4	3	1	3	2	1	-	54
H. influenzae septicaemia	1	3	1	10	1	-	2	-	2	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	25
H. influenzae infection (NOS)	-	-	2	-	2	1	3	2	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	14
Hepatitis B - acute viral	7	5	21	2	9	1	-	1	-	-	33	5	3	-	2	3	-	92
Hepatitis B - unspecified	538	450	24	1,070	540	45	476	43	52	82	70	43	19	17	27	11	-	3,507
Hepatitis C - acute viral	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	2	1	3	2	6	3	1	-	3	-	26
Hepatitis C - unspecified	756	415	811	685	579	121	655	247	335	423	781	89	29	89	140	99	-	6,254
Hepatitis D - unspecified	2	1	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Hepatitis E - unspecified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hepatitis, acute viral (NOS)	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
HIV infection	72	12	201	15	13	8	38	8	3	13	12	1	1	-	5	2	108	512
Hydatid disease	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
Legionnaires' disease	11	1	-	14	14	1	4	2	3	5	1	-	1	2	1	1	-	61
Leprosy	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Leptospirosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	3	1	-	3	-	-	16
Malaria	14	15	22	7	19	5	32	4	4	13	4	10	2	1	3	4	-	159
Measles	122	149	75	305	694	222	81	48	111	61	124	83	129	15	25	25	-	2,269
Meningococcal meningitis	3	6	4	16	12	3	7	6	8	5	7	3	6	2	1	7	-	96
Meningococcal septicaemia	4	8	3	4	2	4	5	-	2	3	2	3	1	-	-	1	-	42
Meningococcal infection (NOS)	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	11
Mumps	1	3	-	4	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Mycobacterial - atypical	54	20	22	15	24	7	33	7	8	33	24	10	2	1	4	1	-	265
Mycobacterial tuberculosis	33	45	27	68	51	9	40	8	8	17	6	3	3	6	5	1	-	330
Mycobacterial infection (NOS)	20	1	2	2	5	-	23	3	9	2	3	1	1	-	2	-	-	74
Pertussis	51	156	133	212	127	65	171	18	48	55	144	31	66	55	5	9	-	1,346
Q fever	-	1	1	2	6	2	2	1	2	26	75	125	91	12	4	16	-	366
Rubella	7	15	15	86	101	46	132	12	11	98	51	80	1	5	12	11	-	683
Syphilis	97	42	99	170	48	7	34	7	6	8	55	40	77	6	9	5	-	710
Tetanus	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	5