

# Monash Minute

Connecting with primary care

June 2019

## *Monash Health GP Liaison update: June 2019*

*Please forward this newsletter onto GPs in your practice or email us at [GPLiaison@monashhealth.org](mailto:GPLiaison@monashhealth.org) to subscribe to this newsletter.*

### GP Liaison update

#### GP Registration information

Getting correspondence to the right person in a timely matter is important to us. To do this, we need up to date contact information. If you have already registered your GP details and clinic on to the National Health Services Directory (NHSD), your registration will be added to the Monash Health database and updated accordingly.

If you have chosen not to register with the National Health Services Directory but would like to register your practice with Monash Health, please complete the [request form](#) and return to [ipm.clinicians@monashhealth.org](mailto:ipm.clinicians@monashhealth.org)

If you would like to register via the National Health Services Directory please complete the [NHSD new registration form](#).  
For NHSD enquiries and updates, please contact:  
E: [nhsd@healthdirect.org.au](mailto:nhsd@healthdirect.org.au)

#### GP education and events

- For all the latest GP education and events, please refer to the [GP Liaison webpage](#).
- For feedback and GP education request, please [email](#) us

**For further enquiries and assistance please contact the GP Liaison**

E: [gpliaison@monashhealth.org](mailto:gpliaison@monashhealth.org)

P: (03) 9554 9374

### GP Liaison update

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## Launched: Cerebral palsy E-learning module for GPs

### Centre for Development Disability Health (CDDH)

A new GP e-learning module focusing on the care of people with cerebral palsy in General Practice has been developed by the RACGP in collaboration with Monash Health's Centre for Development Disability Health (CDDH), the Royal Children's Hospital and the Murdoch Research Institute.

The module provides an overview of the care of people with cerebral palsy from childhood through to adulthood, and includes physical, mental health, psychosocial issues, assessment, management, follow up and referral protocols.

This activity is now available online on the [GP Learning portal](#).

For further information please click on the [link](#)

T: 1800 284 789

E: [gplearning@racgp.org.au](mailto:gplearning@racgp.org.au)



### Care of People with Cerebral Palsy in General Practice



[GP E-Learning Module](#)

**Date: Available now!**

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## New Melanoma Clinic

### Victorian Melanoma Service- Plastic Surgical Team Initiative

A new Melanoma Clinic is now available for GP referrals under the Plastics Surgical Team at Monash Health. This new clinic will run every Wednesday morning at the Dandenong Outpatients Clinic. Led by Professor Michael Leung, it is part of the Victorian Melanoma Service, in conjunction with the Alfred Hospital.

The clinic provides comprehensive assessments by all the specialties involved in the treatment of melanoma - dermatology, pathology, medical oncology, radiation oncology, and plastic surgery.

To refer a patient, complete and fax a referral to us. **For urgent referrals, also contact the Plastic Surgery Registrar to discuss the case.**

To ensure appropriate and timely triage, please include all clinical details as well as relevant investigation results.

If you are concerned about any delay of the appointment, or if there is any deterioration in your patient's condition, contact the Plastic Surgery Registrar on call through the switchboard. **(03) 9554 1000.**

### For referrals, please fax to Outpatients (Specialist Consulting)

**P:** 1300 342 273

**F:** 9594 2273

**E:** [outpatient\\_enquiries@monashhealth.org](mailto:outpatient_enquiries@monashhealth.org)



### Plastics Surgery Melanoma Clinic

New Clinic open at  
Dandenong Hospital

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## Victorian Integrated Care

### Community of Practice Forum

You are invited to attend a Community of Practice forum which is designed to enable you to:

- network with peers,
- build relationships,
- develop linkages with other services providers and
- learn about local services that are available to your patients.

Monash Health is involved in implementing the Victorian Integrated Care Model (VICM), a Victorian Government initiative, which aims to improve the experiences of care and outcomes for patients with complex and chronic conditions.

A key focus of Monash Health's participation in VICM is to build relationships between the health service and primary care services within the region, through the introduction of Community of Practice Forums.

Community of Practice forums are held in the Casey, Dandenong, and Kingston regions throughout the year.

The next event is at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc on 26 June from 7am-8.30am.

Future events are scheduled for Casey (August), Dandenong (September) and Kingston (October). Details can be found on our [website](#).

There is no cost to attend.  
RSVP is essential for catering purposes.

Click here to [register for these events](#)

**For further information about the Victorian Integrated Care Model (VICM)**

**Contact Annie Campbell, Project Lead.**

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**Victorian Integrated  
Care Model**

**Community  
of Practice Forum**

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## What challenges do you experience caring for patients with cardiac conditions?

### What support do you need from specialist cardiac services?

The South Eastern Cardiac Services Partnership has been established to support general practice to deliver primary care in the community and manage heart failure and arrhythmia.

The South Eastern Cardiac Services Partnership (including Monash Health, Alfred Health, Peninsula Health and all health services in Gippsland) was established to carry out the Cardiac Plan for South Eastern Victoria.

[The Cardiac Plan](#) was released in 2016 and provides a clear picture of the future of the statewide cardiac care system and ongoing reform to ensure people with heart disease achieve the best possible outcomes, in a health system that is efficient and of high quality.

**By completing the following [survey](#), you will help us understand and develop strategies to address:**

- Barriers to specialist care.
- Education and support requirements.
- Opportunities for improvement.

[The survey closes on 28 June 2019.](#)

**For further information please contact Julie Smith, Project Manager**

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South Eastern Cardiac  
Services Partnership

South East  
Melbourne Survey

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## Monash Imaging

### Adult and paediatric referral and update

Monash Imaging offers a comprehensive medical imaging service and welcomes referrals from GPs in the Monash Health catchment, for both adult and paediatric imaging.

GPs can refer patients with current Medicare cards for 100% bulk billed medical imaging for MBS eligible examinations, including GP referred MRIs.

### Imaging innovations for our young patients

At Monash Children's Hospital, we aim to make imaging as stress free as possible for our young patients and their families. We have recently implemented a number of innovations, including:

- improving the ambient experience thanks to a very generous donation
- a mock MRI scanner and scale model kitten MRI scanner, which we combine with play therapy, to help children and families to learn and prepare for upcoming MRIs
- using a VR goggle technology trial programme which provides a welcome distraction to children requiring cannulation and other procedures (this trial has been so successful that it has won a public health award)

The various features of our award-winning paediatric department, combined with the expertise of our staff and doctors, mean we have had great success in sedation-free routine scanning of paediatric patients from kindergarten age upwards.



*MRI Scanner MCH Monash Imaging with ambient experience*



*MRI Scanner Moorabbin Hospital with Nicki (MRI Supervisor)*

**For further information, assistance, enquiries and feedback, including access to the online imaging portal and ordering referral pads, please contact Client Relationship Manager Kristy Grossmann**

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**Adult and  
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