

Prevention in General Practice Awards 2009

recognising commitment to chronic disease prevention

Division Winner Knox Division of General Practice

Knox Division of General Practice is located in the Eastern Outer-metropolitan area of Melbourne. Knox Division enjoys a high level of GP, Practice Nurse and practice staff participation. To ensure ongoing relevance of Division activities, existing services are reviewed on an annual basis and new services trialled in clinics.

Knox utilises the RACGP Green and Red Book as the foundation of their prevention activities and there 3 distinct units work together to support practice prevention needs. Knox provides a Referral Links Program service which provides information to its members to assist them to find appropriate specialist and allied health services for their patients.

Chronic disease prevention is a priority for the division and as a result they have introduced the PEN clinical audit tool into 70% of practices allowing more proactive targeting of at risk patient populations. They also undertake chronic disease roadshows tailored to the needs of individual practices, offer the Life diabetes prevention program and have run community events focusing on Men's health.

Knox intends to build on this outstanding work by introducing lunchtime chronic disease prevention sessions in workplaces promoting the role of practice nurses in chronic disease prevention and through the provision of a nurse floater that would provide additional chronic disease prevention capacity across the region.

For further information about the VGPPA, including profiles of the winning entries, and examples and resources to integrate more prevention activities into everyday practice, please visit www.gpv.org.au/vgppa or contact the secretariat on (03) 9321 1530.

***Knox Division of
General Practice
accepting their
award***

