

DIPLOMATES BULLETIN

Autumn 2007 Edition

Welcome to the Diplomates Bulletin

Welcome to the first edition of the Diplomates Bulletin from the GP Obstetrics Advisory (GPOA) Committee.

In 2005 the RANZCOG established the GP Obstetrics Advisory (GPOA) Committee to better represent the views of Diplomates (both Shared Care and GP Proceduralist) to the College. The Committee meets four times a year and reports directly to the RANZCOG Council via the Executive Committee.

Some of the topics we are currently discussing include:

- revision of the current Diploma Curriculum
- implementation of a Diplomates Day/s (Category 1 activities) into the RANZCOG Scientific Meeting.
- providing an avenue for input by Diplomates into the College.
- providing a Diplomates view on College Statements and Guidelines.

We aim to keep you up to date with news from the College and would value your feedback.

I hope you find this newsletter to be useful and please do not hesitate to contact us with your feedback and ideas.

Jeff Taylor
Chairman, GPOA Committee

Do you have your 30 Category One Women's Health Points?
2005—2007 Triennium end date is 31 December 2007 - Refer to Page 2

Item Number 4001: Pregnancy counselling

Professional attendance for the purpose of providing non-directive pregnancy support counselling to a woman who is concerned about a current pregnancy or a pregnancy that occurred in the preceding 12 months, by a medical practitioner registered with Medicare Australia as meeting the credentialling requirements for provision of this service, and lasting at least 20 minutes. This service may be used to address any pregnancy related issues for which non-directive counselling is appropriate.

Note:
This is only available to GPs.(not specialists)
Credentialling is free for members of RACGP (go to www.gplearning.com.au to undertake the mandatory on-line training) or contactus@gplearning.com.au or phone 1800 284 732.

A patient can access this for up to three (3) eligible non-directive pregnancy support counselling services per patient, per pregnancy, including the GP consultation and the relevant non-GP item numbers

Item 81000 – services provided by an eligible psychologist;
Item 81005 – services provided by an eligible social worker; and
Item 81010 – services provided by an eligible mental health nurse.

The **Medicare Benefit**: 100% = \$66.35 (less for non doctors).

Very few GPs have taken up this item number. My reading of the Medicare descriptor is that any provision of information, where the GP provides information on options about pregnancy, would fit this item number.

Dr Linda Mann
Deputy Chair, GPOA Committee

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Women's Health

2005—2007 Triennium

Holders of the DRANZCOG and DRANZCOG Advanced with a certificate end date of 31 December 2007 have recertification requirements in the current triennium.

Diplomates must obtain 30 points (minimum of one Category 1 activity) in the area of Women's Reproductive Health by 31 December 2007.

Women's Health Activities

A list of Women's Health activities can be found on the RANZCOG website –

<http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/meetingsconferences/pdfs/women%27s-health-activities2007.pdf>

For further information on RACGP Women's Health activities please use this link to visit the website <http://www.racgp.org.au/>

For further information on ACRRM Women's Health activities please use this link to visit the website <http://www.acrrm.org.au/>

DRANZCOG Revision Courses

11 - 13 July 2007

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11 & 13 July 2007 = Category 2: 6 points

12 July 2007 = Category 1: 30 points

16 – 20 July 2007

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The NSW Regional Committee will NOT be holding a DRANZCOG Revision and GPs Update Course in July 2007

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Diplomates Day at future ASM

Ideas and topics for future Diplomates Days

The inaugural Diplomates Day was held at the 2006 RANZCOG ASM in Perth. Topics covered were:

- Ultrasound in Obstetrics
- Investigation of the infertile couple
- Dermatology of the vulva
- Management of Diabetes in Pregnancy
- Medical management of menopause

What topic would you like covered at future Diplomates Days? Send your ideas/topics for

Diplomates Day to: dips@ranzcoг.edu.au

Diplomates Day - RANZCOG ASM

Gold Coast, QLD - 2 - 5 October 2007

There will be three activities for Diplomates at the 2007 RANZCOG ASM:

Monday 1 October 2007 - Fetal Surveillance Education Program (FSEP) (Fellows/Trainees/Diplomates) – limited numbers

Monday 1 October 2007 – Diplomates Day One – Gynaecology (Mirena, Implanon, Vaccination, Update on NHMRC guidelines – which guidelines to use, Menopause management and Gynaecological update)

Tuesday 2 October 2007 – Diplomates Day Two – Obstetrics (Preventing an obstetric emergency from becoming a disaster, Pre –natal diagnosis, Management of diabetes in pregnancy and more)

The RANZCOG ASM registration brochure is now available at: <http://www.ranzcog2007asm.com.au/>

2007 Dates and Fees

Subscription Fees

2007/2008 Subscription Fees will be sent in May 2007 due and payable on 1 July 2007

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RANZCOG Publications

The College publishes a number of resources on Women's Health topics. College statements are available on a range of issues relating to obstetrics and gynaecology.

College Statements

<http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/publications/collegestatements.shtml>

All College Statements are revised every two years by the RANZCOG Women's Health Committee. Information about revised and updated Statements is posted on the website after each Council meeting. See this link for new/revised College Statements approved at Council - March 2007: <http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/womenshealth/statementsupdate.shtml>

Other College Publications available on the website <http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/publications/womenshealth.shtml>
include:

- Intrapartum Fetal Surveillance Guidelines
- Medical response to adults who have experienced sexual assault
- Termination of pregnancy
- Female genital mutilation
- Patient Information Pamphlets

O&G

Articles of interest from the Summer & Autumn Editions

Summer Edition

The incompetent cervix - p16
Managing labour pain - p24
Thyroid disease and pregnancy - p26
Neonatal Resuscitation - p28
Post-partum haemorrhage - p30
Managing PROM & PPROM - p35
Diabetes in pregnancy - p37
Women's Health activities - p42
Managing pre-eclampsia - p43
Managing menorrhagia - p45
Ectopic Pregnancy - p47
Shoulder dystocia - p48
Ultrasound for Entertainment - p54
Code of Ethical Practice - p63
Q&A - Induction of labour - p64

Autumn Edition

Elder friendly clinic (outpatient care for older women) - p11
Prolapse in older women - p16
Fertility in older women - p18
HRT - p20
STDs in older women - p22
Sexuality in older women - p24
Cerebral palsy case - p30
Informed consent - p32
Obstetric antepartum haemorrhage - p36
Obstetrics Management Update: Soft signs in ultrasound - p45
Endometriosis - p46

O&G Website Link

<http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/publications/oandg.shtml>

ANZJOG Website Link

<http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/publications/anzjog.shtml>

DRANZCOG Examiner

Are you interested in applying to become a DRANZCOG Examiner?
Click on this link to find out the requirements and how to apply:

<http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/fellows/examiners.shtml>

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Dr Terrence Bohlsen has also been appointed as the Diplomat representative on the RANZCOG NSW Regional Committee.

Link to GP Diploma page on RANZCOG website: <http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/gpdiploma/>

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