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Join Us At Conference

It's that time of year again! Time to register for our region's annual advanced practice conference, designed by and for nurse practitioners in all specialties. This year's conference is from October 4th to 6th in downtown Seattle at the Washington State Convention Center.

Call UW-CNE at 206.543.1047 or email them at cne@u.washington.edu for more information or go to www.uwcne.org.

Health Care Authority Resets Changes in Interpreter Program

The Washington State Health Care authority says implementation of improvements in its medical interpreter program will be phased in during early September, with a new statewide contractor handling all interpreter assignments beginning Monday, September 24.

The new contractor – CTS Language Link of Vancouver -- will be active beginning September 10 for interpreter requests for September 24 or later. The program's current regional interpreter brokers will continue accepting appointments for interpreters through September 23. Thereafter, CTS will be the single statewide contractor for interpreter services.

Walter Neal, HCA Interpreter Services Program Manager, said the two-week overlap was planned in order to give providers and the new contractor time to phase in new procedures and let providers get oriented to the new system, which involves web-based reservation requests.

"This timetable lets providers continue to telephone and fax the regional brokers to request interpreter services for any appointments that will occur up to September 23," Neal said. "At the same time, our providers will have a few weeks to adapt to the new electronic, web-based system that CTS Language Link will be introducing."

Under the new system, all HCA contracted-provider requests will be handled electronically through CTS' secured web portal. The HCA contracted providers need to register with CTS and obtain a secure username and password in order to access the portal. Providers also must complete a signup form at CTS' website at <http://hca.ctslanguagelink.com/signup/>

"This will be a more efficient system and one that should improve service for both providers and the interpreters who will be assigned to these appointments," Neal said.

The new system was mandated by the Legislature in the Health Care Authority budget in hopes of cutting the state's cost of interpreter services by about a third. The state currently spends about \$29 million a biennium on medical interpreters.

In response, the agency developed a contract requiring the successful bidder to utilize web-based/online technology for processing, scheduling, assigning and managing requests for interpreters for all types of interpreting modalities: in-person, over the phone and video remote interpreting. Providers will be given authority to decide the level of interpreter presence required for specific interviews.

The interpreter system will also be used by Health Care Authority's sister agency, the Department of Social and Health Services, in arranging interpreter services for DSHS clients who are Limited English Proficient. HCA estimates that part of DSHS interpreter services will make up about 10 percent of the total interpreter jobs arranged by CTS.

L&I Public Hearing

SSB 5801 directs the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) to establish a statewide health care provider network to treat injured workers and to expand the Centers for Occupational Health and Education (COHEs) in the workers' compensation system. L&I is promulgating necessary rules in phases.

This third rulemaking phase is necessary to address existing department rules that may conflict with the network implementation. Changes to the following WACs are proposed for consistency or clarification: WAC 296-20-01010, WAC 296-20-01020, WAC 296-20-02705, and WAC 296-20-03015.

The public may comment on these rules by attending a public hearing or by submitting written comments. The hearing is scheduled for September 28, 2012, at 3:00, Room S117 at the L&I Tumwater building.

SSB 5801 mandated the establishment of a workgroup of medical providers from the Industrial Insurance Medical Advisory Committee and the Industrial Insurance Chiropractic Advisory Committee and business and labor representatives – the Provider Network Advisory Group (PNAG). L&I has been working closely with this group on the content of these rules.

Detailed information about this rulemaking process and the PNAG meetings can also be found at www.ProviderNetwork.Lni.wa.gov.

For policy questions please contact Leah.Hole-Curry@Lni.wa.gov. For questions related to this rule-making process, please contact Jami.Lifka@Lni.wa.gov

Calling all Eastside Nurse Practitioners!

We are hoping to re-ignite the Association for Eastside Nurse Practitioners! This wonderful group is dedicated to supporting nurse practitioners working and/or living on the eastside of king county. This group is great for networking and meeting your peers! Are you interested in a leadership opportunity to become a board member? Vacancies are open and your support is needed! If you are interested in joining the group or becoming a board member please contact Stephany Nesser at stephany_nesser@yahoo.com

New Name for Our State Immunization Registry

The Child Profile Immunization Registry has been renamed the *Washington State Immunization Information System*.

This change reflects the lifetime nature of the system because individuals of all ages in Washington State benefit from the Immunization Information System. This name change will not alter our services. The Immunization Information System will continue to work with our health promotion system – still using the name Child Profile – to serve the state's healthcare system and users in the most comprehensive ways possible. The Child Profile Health Promotion System distributes health and safety mailings to Washington parents of young children aged birth to six years.

The Immunization Information System does more than track immunizations. Users across the state can use it for vaccine ordering, emergency preparedness activities, and to access records for Washington residents of all ages. We hope that this new name will promote the use of the system for teen and adult immunizations too.

The system provides you and your organization with many tools, including:

- ☐ A free, user-friendly way to keep track of immunizations.
- ☐ A statewide, web-based lifetime immunization registry.
- ☐ Lists of immunizations that patients need.
- ☐ Immunization records access (especially helpful for child care, school and camp).
- ☐ One place for immunization records, even when someone changes providers.

Please make note of our new Web site address for accessing the system: www.waiis.wa.gov. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at 360-236-3595 or OICP@doh.wa.gov.

This change will take several months to fully roll-out. This transition is very important and we are accomplishing it within existing resources. Thank you for your patience as we update our documents, forms, training materials, and web pages.

Even though the name is changing, we will continue to provide the same strong services that you have come to expect. We look forward to serving your needs now and into the future.

Proposed Bylaws Changes

There are proposed changes to the AUWS Bylaws which will be voted on at our annual meeting Thursday 10/4/12 at 12:15pm at the Advanced Practice in Primary and Acute Care ♦ Pacific Northwest 35th Annual National Conference.

Proposed changes are on the AUWS website at www.auws.org.

Updated Recommendations for Tdap Vaccine in Adults Aged 65 Years and Older

Since 2005, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended a tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine booster dose for all adolescents aged 11 through 18 years (preferred at 11 through 12 years) and for those adults aged 19 through 64 years who have not yet received a dose. In October 2010, despite the lack of an approved Tdap vaccine for adults aged 65 years and older, ACIP recommended that unvaccinated adults aged 65 years and older be vaccinated with Tdap if in close contact with an infant, and that other adults aged 65 years and older may receive Tdap. In July 2011, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved expanding the age indication for Boostrix (GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals, Rixensart, Belgium) to aged 65 years and older. In February 2012, ACIP recommended Tdap for all adults aged 65 years and older. This recommendation supersedes previous Tdap recommendations regarding adults aged 65 years and older.

For more information go to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6125a4.htm> From: MMWR. June 29, 2012 / 61(25);468-470

HEP C Link to Care

On August 17, 2012, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published new recommendations

for identifying persons with hepatitis C (Hep C) Infection (MMWR 2012;61(RR04); 1-18).

The Chronic Liver Disease Foundation (CLDF) invites you to participate in Hep C Link to Care...a nationwide program to increase awareness of Hepatitis C and expand Hepatitis C testing capabilities among primary care providers.

Benefits of participating:

- ☑ Free CME education about Hepatitis C testing, diagnosis and treatment
- ☑ Become a Certified Hepatitis C Screening center
- ☑ Helpful tip sheets for counseling patients, coding/billing for HCV testing, etc.
- ☑ Join the CLDF national Hepatitis C coalition directory
- ☑ Ensure compliance with new guidelines for HCV testing
- ☑ Help identify patients with Hepatitis C and improve outcomes

We hope you will join us in this informative opportunity to expand hepatitis C testing capabilities within your practice and impact the future of hepatitis C. Log on and complete registration at: www.HepLinktoCare.org.

Classified Ads

NP Wanted- Spokane WA

Imagine living in a city with the most year around outdoor recreation in Washington, lots of sunny days and a one hour plane ride to Seattle. Spokane is that place! Northwest Neurological is seeking an NP with previous neurological experience or a strong interest in learning the field. We will train the right person. Attitude almost as important as skills. Very competitive salary and pleasant working environment, Tuesday through Friday. This position is open now and we want someone who can hit the ground running, who is a go getter and can bring cheer into the lives of Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and MS patients. This might be the best job you'll ever have! Contact Chuck Teegarden at 509-458-7720 or email chuck@nwn4me.com

CE Opportunities

"Integrated Chronic Care Management" Train The Trainer Session

This training will be offered at Evergreen Home Health 12333 NE 130th Lane, Kirkland, WA. 98034, 1st floor (Tan 101) and web-cast to Family Homecare in Spokane. You can attend at either site.

Chronic Care Management is a major focus of the health care community in health care reform. Many Home Care Association of Washington (HCAW) member agencies have been actively changing their culture using the Integrated Chronic Care model. Those agencies are recognizing positive results in patient outcomes, staff morale and in community partnering.

Become a change agent within your agency; change culture and practice in your organization to one of evidence based patient centered chronic care.

This training will help your agency with the attainment of positive outcomes and thus with pay for performance in the future-ensuring the financial health for your organization.

"Train the Trainer" will provide seven hours of classroom instruction and an additional five hours of web-based training and online testing to obtain a certificate designation as an Integrated Chronic Care Specialist Trainer. Participants will receive 12 contact hours for nursing CE

Questions? Please contact the HCAW office at 425.775.8120 or visit their website: www.hcaw.org

UW Health Care and Social Work Certificates

Advance your skills, expand your network or earn contact hours and CEUs. UW Professional & Continuing Education offers the following certificate programs: Gerontology (online), Geriatric Mental Health (classroom), Medical Management (classroom), Psychological Trauma: Effective Treatment and Practice (online & classroom), Integrated Behavioral Health (online), and Infant Mental Health (classroom). Visit our website for full descriptions and start dates: www.keeplearning.uw.edu.

Pediatric Obesity Prevention in Primary Care FREE 1 hr AANP CE Opportunity:

Please allow me to invite you to complete an online CE program about: Pediatric Obesity Prevention in Primary Care

The program will take an hour or less, and has a research component/survey, so your participation is highly valued!

To access the program, please access the following link:

www.unco.edu/nhs/nines/HesslerCEforWeb2011/HesslerCEforWeb2011.html

Service Ads

Seattle University NP Students Need Preceptors

Fall Qtr 9/19-12/4/12, 2 days/week

Winter Qtr 1/7-3/20/13, 2 days/week

Spring Qtr 4/1-6/10/13, 2 days/week

Fabulous preceptors are ARNPs, MDs, PAs in: Family, Geriatrics, Psychiatrics, Pediatrics, Midwifery, Women's health, Urgent Care, Specialty (eg; cardio, neuro, etc) Please contact Linda Frothinger at: 206-293-4416 or frothil@seattleu.edu

Guiding the Future... Love to teach...

Precept an FNP, ANP or PNP student!

Precepting involves 1 to 2 days a week for the 10-week quarter, Fall, Winter and/or Spring.

Preceptors needed for beginning to advanced students.

Contact Fiona Shannon, fiona@uw.edu for more information on precepting University of Washington students.

Interested in Mentoring the Next Generation of ARNPs?

Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA is looking for preceptors in the south Puget Sound area for the Family Nurse Practitioner program. Your commitment requires a minimum of 1 day a week for a semester. We need preceptors Fall (Sep to Dec), Spring (Feb to May) and Summer (May to August) semesters. If interested, please contact Dr. Lorena Guerrero at guerrelc@plu.edu or call (253) 535-7374.

Meetings

Puget Sound Nurse Practitioners Association

Join us! Puget Sound Nurse Practitioners Association is a non-profit organization supporting ARNPs in Puget Sound since 1998. We meet every other month and offer a social hour/networking and a speaker presentation.

Annual dues are \$40/\$20 for students. \$20 per meeting for guests.

Apply for membership and find meeting information at <http://PSNPA.org>

Private Practice NP Discussion Group

All are welcome. Meetings will be Sep/Nov/Jan/Mar/May on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:00 at FamilyCare of Kent in Kent, WA. RSVP at least 48hr in advance to mwiley@familycareofkent.com so we can order food and drinks. Address and directions on www.familycareofkent.com. Sponsored by NP Central.

West Sound Advanced Practice Association

Meets the second Thursday of the month. Meetings include networking/dinner/educational session. E-mail Fionafnp@centurytel.net for more information.

Ad Information

Copy deadline is the second Tuesday of the month prior to publication. Ads may be accepted later than this on a space-available basis. Position Available and Continuing Education Ads of less than 66 words are \$45, of 66 to 130 words are \$75, 131-180 words are \$105, and greater than 181 words are \$175. Position Available Ads are priced per insertion. Continuing Education Announcements are per offering for up to three (3) consecutive insertions. New Product Announcements per product for one insertion of 130 words or less are \$75, more than 130 words are \$175. Ad Inserts are \$750 for one issue. All ads are subject to space limitations and editing. Call for detailed rate information. Mail copy to ARNP Care, 10024 SE 240th St, #230, Kent, WA 98031. Phone 253.852.9042. Fax 253.852.7725. Email

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Photograph of the Month

This is a photo of the elusive blue moon seen for the second time in August on the 31st and photographed from the west shore of Lake Cle Elum by Bob Smithing.

PUT YOUR IDEALS INTO PRACTICE



Doctors Without Borders

Recruitment Information Session

Seattle, WA

Location: REI Seattle

222 Yale Avenue N

Tuesday, September 18, 2012 – 7:00 PM

**All interested medical and non-medical professionals:
join us to learn more about Doctors Without Borders
and how you can put YOUR ideals into practice.**

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