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PRESIDENT'S Report

IT'S A "WRAP"

Dear Membership, by the time you read this... summer will be a dim and distant memory, well at least for those of you who live in the far south east of our great state; those of us who live in the hot, great Northwest....well lets just say, not so cool!

But unlike the weather, we here at Podiatry WA don't have a separation of the state between the North and South (think American Civil War) sorry for the American nor the East nor the West (American Indian War and the War of 1812) for that matter when it comes to us looking after you, our Membership. We still provide that same great customer service in relation to CPD, Membership enquiries, Insurance, Professional, Industrial Relation/Employment enquiries and of course we are there for any other requests for information that you may have.

We got off to a good start with CPD this year:

February the 15th saw Podiatry WA hosting ANOTHER very successful, highly popular Business Day held at UWA Club which was very well attended and covered a broad range including Social Media, HR, Infection Control and Business Coaching. Plenty of ideas and strategies to improve Business Practice.

We enjoyed educational interludes with face to face sessions (to name a few) and webinars.

Our Bookkeeper Marie Turner presented on "Moving Bookkeeping into the Cloud" – some wonderful instructive easy to follow information.

Dr. Karen Lyra continues to organise and arrange the Membership's top notch CPD programme year on year. Something we are very grateful for. If you see Karen around... make sure you tell her so!

As we often give you, our Membership, suggestions and a plethora of helpful intimations into Educational ideas/aspects we thought it prudent to remind you all to be vigilant in your day to day excursions, dealings with patients and just your interactions with everyday life. Be vigilant in respect to the following:

The reason why it is so prudent that we share this information with you is threefold:

- Information sharing
- Patient care
- Personal

Recently I was subjected to pneumonia. I am diabetic, my lungs had MRSA with the Meta-Pneumonia Virus (almost always seen in paed's patients) with deep cavitation, and necrotising! And the most strangest and remarkable thing about it was... I never even saw it coming!

After that 10 days of EXCELLENT care I was stepped down to the ward for 5 and then it was off to St John of God, Mt Lawley where I spent the next 7 days in intensive Rehab. I was expected to spend 3 months in Rehab but I did extremely well and did what I was supposed to within a week; much to my consultant's amazement. Such is my determination to go home! Imagine some of our patients' fortitude?

With the COVID 19 pandemic on everyone's minds lets keep aware:

- of your patients with that cough
- do give that patient education, i.e. stop smoking!

- Do wash hands or use hand sanitiser between each patient
- Do show empathy for each patient and colleague

Anyway, that's a wrap for the summer quarter and another Year. I for one and I know I speak for many when I say we are "looking forward to the cooler weather" of the autumn months. But I am confident that the

rest of our Membership may well be looking forward to the cooler weather as you too, down south suffered temps in the 40's over the Christmas and New Year!

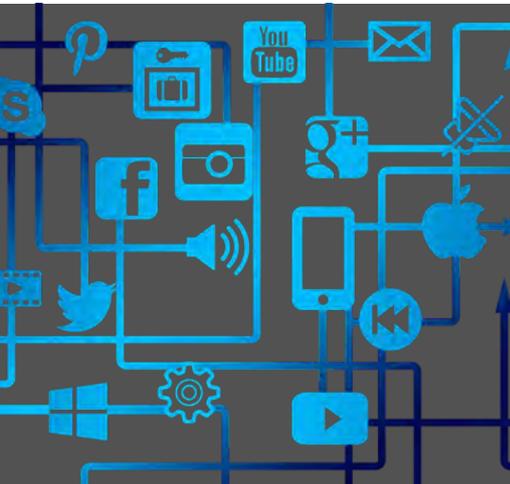
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Due to the current restrictions with holding face-to-face events, we will be modifying our CPD calendar to meet your requirements for CPD log. Updates at www.podiatrywa.com.au

CPD Reports and Reviews

DR KAREN LYRA

The CPD calendar has begun with a full house for the opening event for 2020. The 'Business & You' event was on Saturday 15th February at the University Club. The program included Jonathon Heath from The Hive Business, educating us on marketing and communication plans as well as system tools and technology to focus on within our business. He led us through a comprehensive booklet that can be used to audit and plan the success of our business.

Jonathon has presented business training workshops to thousands of practice owners and believes passionately in helping people find the 'why' in what they do, and he brought that inspiration to our event.

We also heard from Megan Reilly, Director of Hands on Infection Control, who walked us through a self-audit assessment of our obligations for sterilization in our clinics and requirements to consider for reprocessing of equipment.

The Small Business Development Group was represented by Lisa Legena who discussed topics including recruitment and employer obligations.

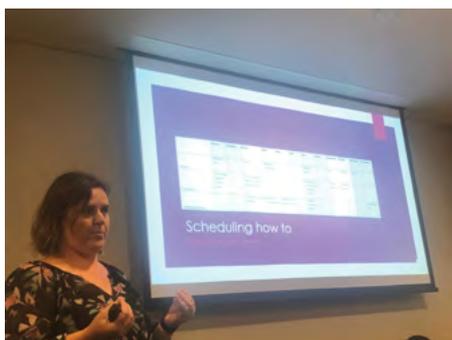
Anna Hill from Analyze Media finished the afternoon bravely with an energetic delivery of tips and planning ideas around ways to improve our social media output. Anna included a calendar planner to time manage and ideas to be creative whilst planning and scheduling posts a year ahead.

We thank our speakers for their quality presentations and all the attendees who spent the afternoon learning, networking and getting inspired.

During May, we have booked a CPR and Anaphylaxis courses in Perth for podiatrists who prefer to update their knowledge in a private group and provide opportunity to network. Numbers are limited for these courses, if you miss out, you are still able to book directly with St Johns or another registered provider for courses available to the public.

We always welcome feedback or ideas at cpd@podiatrywa.com.au.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to bringing you quality education and lots of opportunity to network with your colleagues.



Visit the Podiatry WA website for the upcoming CPD events.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Upcoming Events planned for members by Podiatry WA

DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER	FORMAT
April Monday 6th 5.30 - 6.30 pm	Clinical records and informed consent - Are you meeting your requirements?	Christie Boucher	Webinar
April TBC	An update on the International Working Guidelines for the Diabetic Foot	Dr Nicholai Jakosz (Podiatrist)	Webinar
May Saturday 2nd & Saturday 23rd	CPR & Anaphylaxis	St Johns - Belmont	Courses

SENIOR EXPO IN BINDOON

BY SIOBHAN VOSNACOS, FIRST STEP PODIATRY

On Thursday 14th November I attended a Seniors Expo in Bindoon and presented a 10-minute talk using claw toes to touch on various conditions that can affect seniors from dermatological to biomechanical issues. The day was attended by many locals even with the hot weather and I enjoyed fantastic CWA scones and sandwiches as well as networking with agencies such as Silver chain and other local businesses including the pharmacy and indoor heated pool co-ordinator.

I'd like to thank the association for the loan of the banners and shirt and suggest, if you have the opportunity to attend a local event, I urge you to take the opportunity.

UWA DPM UPDATES

BY DR C MCCLUNEY



Urgent Diabetic Foot Surgery;
Workshop by Mr Olufemi Oshin and co-
convenor Professor Shirley Jansen

The University of Western Australia held an interactive workshop on urgent surgical intervention in the diabetic and high-risk foot during December of 2019. Surgical registrars, consultants in vascular, general and podiatric surgery as well as observers in general podiatry and related professions were invited to attend.

The workshop was run by Mr Olufemi Oshin, consultant vascular surgeon at Royal Perth Hospital whose strong research interest is in the diabetic foot as well as Professor Shirley Jansen, consultant vascular and endovascular surgeon and head of department at Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital.

There were many renowned speakers including Professor David Armstrong, Professor Paul Norman, Professor Toby Richards, Mr Jeremy Rawlins and Associate professor Cam Wareham.

From an observer perspective, the day was a great opportunity to extend one's knowledge on the diabetic foot, osteomyelitis, charcot neuropathy and updates on their diagnosis and management and the importance of a speedy diagnosis. Furthermore, the pedal anatomy was extensive with ample opportunity to hone and finalise our understanding in the area. This was most useful to the present surgical physicians participating who performed

the minor and major amputations, tendon procedures and compartmental dissection of the available cadavers.

The days schedule was well split up! There was a couple of hours of face to face lectures from the above speakers followed by the practical workshops with the cadavers. Then a decent lunch period followed by a few lectures and final practical.

The practical component was a great time to converse and interconnect with other professionals. All were very approachable on the day and open to collaborating and networking with each other which made the day all the more productive and rewarding. For example, there was discussion between the different specialist surgeons on the different modalities and tools as well methods for performing a simple tenotomy and the outcomes they have seen through practice. Furthermore, the after care and different dressing materials used with follow-up. These types of events can lead to long-standing professional relationships as well create new referral pathways for patients.

I hope the event will again be run next year which is likely considering its success. I would highly recommend considering this in the future for further continuous professional development.

A big thank you to Mr Olufemi Oshin and Professor Shirley Jansen for your time and making the event a reality.

PMSS SUNDOWNER

Podiatry WA attended the annual Podiatric Medical Student Society (PMSS) Sundowner at the end of February 2020. Our association offers free student membership as well as a discounted first year for graduates. Podiatry WA strongly believes in providing and supporting students to assist them in their endeavours and becoming established podiatrists in the future. Furthermore, as a board, we strive to inspire individual talent and aspirations as these upcoming podiatrists may become advocates for the profession and help it grow into the future.

By attending the event, there was time to converse with the first 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students and inform them of the benefits of being a member of the association including networking, continuous professional development and volunteering opportunities in the community.

It was great to hear feedback from the students on the current Doctor of Podiatric Medicine course. This has had few changes in structure, curriculum as well as staffing over the past few years. Currently, the

programme is a 3-year degree with an opportunity of completing the degree in two years, if accepted in an assured podiatry pathway from secondary education and after completing an undergraduate degree. Students reported the first year was tough but rewarding as there is a high level of content and knowledge covered on general medicine and systems, anatomy, physiology with more podiatry focused content beginning in the second year.

All students were very approachable and friendly individuals, coming from a variety of backgrounds. There was a good display of interest and passion in becoming a medical professional with some students already integrating themselves at local practices with part-time work and work experience.

I look forward to future events, including supporting and helping set-up our 3rd years student brochure for the annual PodWA day. In addition, Podiatry WA will be aiding in a games night for the students in the middle of the year.



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IN THE NEWS: HEALTH POLICY, OPINION AND RESEARCH

MEDIA RELEASES: STATE GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO FOSTER AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

More than \$190,000 will be made available to 18 Western Australian organisations, including local governments, to implement age-friendly, positive ageing and dementia-friendly strategies. Seniors and Ageing Minister Mick Murray today announced the recipients of the State Government's Age friendly and Dementia-friendly Communities Grants Program for 2019-20.

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2020/02/Grants-to-foster-age-friendlycommunities.aspx>

IN THE MEDIA OF COMMISSIONS AND CONSORTIA: A NEW MODEL FOR AGED CARE

The Federal Opposition stepped up its push against the so-called privatisation of Australia's Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACAT) this week, calling on the Morrison government to abandon plans to put the service out to tender.

<https://croakey.org/of-commissions-and-consortia-a-new-model-for-aged-care/>

A pathway to improved allied health for rural Australians Increasing access to allied health services such as physiotherapy, pharmacy, psychology and podiatry is vital to improving health outcomes for Australians living outside the major cities. Minister for Regional Health, Mark Coulton today said the unbalanced distribution of allied health professionals (AHPs) between city and country was a key health issues the Coalition Government was working to address.

<https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-coulton-mp/media/a-pathway-to-improved-alliedhealth-for-rural-australians>

GPS 'FORCED TO REFER' UNDER MBS WOUND CARE PLAN

GPs could be forced to refer patients with unhealed wounds to specially trained pharmacists and nurses for management, under a scheme proposed by an MBS review committee. Under the proposal, GPs would be compelled to refer patients with chronic wounds to so-called specialist wound care providers.

<https://www.ausdoc.com.au/news/gps-forced-refer-under-mbs-wound-care-plan>

THE 2.9 MILLION REASONS WHY MY HEALTH RECORD IS STILL WASTING GP TIME

The number is basic, but it helps tell an unwanted story. In December last year, GPs collectively uploaded 2,996,570 documents to the My Health Record. Over the same period, the number of documents uploaded by GPs that were actually read by another health organisation was just 16,944.

<https://www.ausdoc.com.au/news/29-million-reasons-why-my-health-record-still-wasting-gp-time>

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO AGED CARE QUALITY AND SAFETY

The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety was established on 8 October 2018 by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd). The Interim Report was released on 31 October 2019 and is available here:

<https://agedcare.royalcommission.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

The final report is due 30 April 2020

COVID-19

PODIATRY WA STATEMENT AS AT MARCH 16, 2020

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus a pandemic. As organizations, including Podiatry WA, cancel events and governments take steps to flatten the curve of the outbreak, many podiatrists are searching for answers about how to address COVID-19 in their practices and personal lives. Podiatry WA is here to help by directing you to the most authoritative and timely news and tools.

Podiatry WA cannot establish official recommendations concerning the COVID-19 outbreak however will provide access on multiple Podiatry WA platforms to the most up-to-date resources.

For more information and guidance on the rapidly evolving COVID-19 outbreak, Podiatry WA recommends you visit the frequently updated Australian Government Health Department website. You will find information on how COVID-19 spreads, how to prevent spread in your community, guidance for businesses and employers, and information for health-care professionals.

Recommended Resources

- [NHMRC Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare](#)
- [AHPRA Guidelines for Infection Prevention and Control](#)
- [Australian Government Latest Health Alerts](#)
- [Australian Government Covid-19 Resources](#)
- [Australian Government Latest News Covid-19](#)
- [Australian Government Information for Clinicians](#)
- [WHO Coronavirus Information](#)

In addition are these WA Department of Health Resources COVID-19 clinical alerts

https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/COVID-19-clinical-alerts

Up-to-date clinical guidelines for GPs, hospitals and health professionals.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

This webpage contains information specific to health professionals and on infection control

https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus

Coronavirus: COVID-19

Information and advice on the novel coronavirus called COVID-19 for the community and businesses in Western Australia.

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/coronavirus-covid-19>



WORKCOVER WAMEDIA RELEASE

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

MARCH 13, 2020

WorkCover WA is receiving queries relating to COVID-19, commonly known as Coronavirus. The main query is whether workers would be entitled to compensation in WA if the disease is contracted at work.

In order for any worker to be eligible for compensation a disease must have been contracted in the course of employment and the employment must have been a significant contributing factor to the contraction of the disease.

In relation to COVID-19 where exposure can occur in public settings questions may arise as to the exact time and place of contracting the virus. As a result, it may be difficult to determine that employment was a significant contributing factor.

Each claim would need to be considered on its individual merits, having regard to the individual circumstances and evidence of each claim.

If a person diagnosed with COVID-19 wishes to make a workers' compensation claim, please refer to WorkCover WA's website for relevant information.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, WorkCover WA encourages all stakeholders to exercise all precautions. Refer to the Department of Health website for practical measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19.

<https://www.workcover.wa.gov.au/news/workers-compensation-coronavirus-covid-19/>

Changes to mandatory notifications requirements in effect from 1 March 2020

Amendments to the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (National Law) requirements on mandatory notifications came into effect on 1 March 2020. The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) and National Boards believe that it is important all health practitioners understand what the changes mean, and to encourage them to get the help and support they need. The amendments apply in all states and territories except Western Australia and affect the mandatory reporting obligations for treating practitioners. Treating practitioners are registered health practitioners who treat other health practitioners as patients.

The threshold for reporting a concern about impairment, intoxication and practice outside of professional standards has been raised. The threshold is now reached when there is a substantial risk of harm to the public.

Read the full media release.

<https://www.ahpra.gov.au/News/2020-03-02-Media-release-Mandatory-notifications.aspx>

Visit AHPRA for the latest news item posted: Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) website.

New resources are now available, including three new videos for practitioners, students and psychologists.

HEALTH WARNING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS

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Why every business needs an asset registry

When considering an insurance policy, it's easy for many of us to think "it'll never happen to me". However, the vast experience of Guild Insurance tells us 'it', being events that require insurance claims, unfortunately can happen to anyone.

Guild Insurance is dedicated to providing risk management information to our insureds to help reduce the likelihood of events occurring which could have a detrimental impact on their business and lead to an insurance claim. However, we also know that not everything can be prevented. Which is why business owners also need to consider what they can do to reduce the severity or impact on their business should an event occur. And this is where asset registers become so important.

What is an asset register?

An asset register is simply a list of assets held by a business. These can be created and stored in various ways, such as paper format or electronically, yet should always be stored safely and be easily accessible.

Why are they needed?

All businesses should hold an asset register as they serve a number of important purposes.

It's estimated that well over half of Australian businesses are underinsured. A detailed asset register will help a business understand the value of what they own and therefore the level of insurance required to be adequately protected.

An asset register also assists businesses when there is a need to lodge an insurance claim due to property loss or damage. When there is an up to date asset register, this necessary information can be provided quickly to an insurance company which is likely to speed up the settlement process. Making an insurance claim for property damage or loss can be quite a stressful process for any business. An asset register can reduce some of this stress by making the process more straightforward.

When a business has multiple sites, keeping track of all assets is quite a challenge. An asset register provides the business with a way to manage all assets, even when the assets aren't physically in sight of those responsible.

What information should be included?

For an asset register to be of any benefit to a business, it's important that the information is up to date and correct. Businesses should have a process for how and when the register will be updated and by who. This process should require adding a new asset as soon as it is purchased. However, it would also be beneficial doing regular checks of the asset register to be sure nothing has been accidentally left off.

The asset register should include a list of all items which could be lost or damaged if there was an incident at the premises. Don't just focus on the costly items;

damage to a lot of items which are of lesser value can still add up and you will want a record of these items. The types of assets to be recorded may include:

- > Furniture, both indoor and outdoor
- > Computer and other office equipment
- > Electrical items such as fridges and air conditioners

The information to record about each of these items may include:

- > Description of the item
- > Brand, make or model
- > Serial number
- > Purchase value
- > Purchase date
- > Location of the item
- > Warranty information
- > Invoices

Creating an asset register

As previously mentioned, asset registers are really just a list of items so the creation of them doesn't need to be overly complex. There are a number of template examples which can be found through internet searches.

However, the challenging aspect of creating an asset register is being sure the information you have on there is detailed and correct. It's therefore recommended that businesses use their accountant to assist with this task.

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