



Kids Connect *RCH Primary Care Liaison*

www.rch.org.au/kidsconnect

An update for GPs, Practice Nurses, Paediatricians and MCHN's

Pre-referral guidelines

You may find the RCH pre-referral guidelines helpful for suggested initial work-up before referring a child to the RCH. Guidelines were written by RCH specialists and reviewed by GP working groups. Most guidelines also have parent information handouts. See Kids Connect online.

Healthy Kids Check

From July 2008 GP's and Nurses can claim for a one-off health assessment of a 4 year old child, including examinations and interventions in the form of lifestyle Information and/or referrals. The child must have received or be receiving their 4 year old immunisations, and must be given the government's publication on developing healthy habits for kids, called 'The Guide'.

See: www.health.gov.au/mbsonline

See: www.health.gov.au/epc to order the booklet 'Get Set 4 Life-habits for healthy kids', to give to parents during the health check.

Updated parent info factsheets

Migraine headache, Headaches in children and teenagers, Medicines for children, Plagiocephaly, Scabies, Insect bites & stings, Fever, Constipation, Undescended testes and many more.

Remember to bookmark this website:
www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo



Interested in being the new RCH GP Consultant?

Are you interested in changing the world? Perhaps in making a difference at the interface between general practice and the RCH for paediatrics in Victoria? If you said yes, **come join Kids Connect** at the RCH as our new GP Consultant for a day a week.

This is a non-clinical role and the innovative nature of the program demands flexibility and a diverse range of skills. As well as being practical and 'hands-on', you'll have a strong advocacy role for both general practice and the RCH, contributing to strategic developments for smoother, safer transitions of care. See Kids Connect online.

DHS consumer factsheets (adult & paediatric)

The RCH recently coordinated a project on behalf of the Department of Human Services to write and review a series of consumer factsheets for use in Emergency Departments. Many are useful in general practice as well.

See: www.health.vic.gov.au/edfactsheets

Identifying Aboriginal patients

Please indicate on your referrals to the RCH if your patient is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. This helps us to pro-actively support Aboriginal patients and their families. The Aboriginal Family Support Unit (AFSU) is notified of the referral/admission/attendance and can provide social and cultural support to the child and family. Services are also currently expanding to include case management and a general medical outpatient clinic for Aboriginal children.

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To enquire about a referral, to cancel or reschedule an appointment. Cancelling or rescheduling appointments helps us improve outpatients access by making valuable appointments available to others.

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"Building partnerships between the RCH and community healthcare providers for safer and better quality paediatric healthcare."