

Kids Connect *RCH Primary Care Liaison*

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

New GP Consultants



I would like to introduce our new GP Consultants: Dr Jennifer Anderson and Dr Alexis Butler to you in their roles in Kids Connect, the Royal Children's Hospital Primary Care Liaison programme.

The role of Dr Jennifer Anderson (Primary Care Liaison) is to encourage safer and better quality transitions of care between the RCH and general practice, in an advisory and problem role.

Dr Alexis Butler (GP Education) is setting up a GP education and up-skilling program for paediatrics, to help ensure GPs have the skills and confidence to manage children in the general practice setting.

RCH GP Education Programme

The RCH has undertaken a one-year project to develop a GP-specific paediatric upskilling programme. This is a part of Kids Connect. The programme will be developed in consultation and partnership with all relevant and interested stakeholders including Divisions of General Practice, RCH clinical departments and the RACGP.

The structure of the programme is yet to be determined. The education content will be identified through review of referrals to the Outpatients and Emergency departments, and the needs of GPs.

Please contact us with ideas or if you want to be involved.

New RCH Chief Executive Officer

Since August 2008, the RCH has a new CEO: Associate Professor Christine Kilpatrick.

Trained as a Neurologist, Christine has an MBA from Melbourne University, adding to her Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and Doctor of Medicine.

Christine has held a variety of senior clinical and medical administration roles, to mention one, she has led the Royal Melbourne Hospital as Executive Director.

Eczema

On December 8th, the RCH will launch its first nurse-led eczema clinics, to be held weekly at North Yarra and Doutta Galla Community Health Centres. The service will provide comprehensive assessment, education and care coordination, ensuring linkages to other community supports. Medical support is provided by the centres' GP and RCH Dermatology Department.

A full management plan and summary is sent to the child's usual GP on completion of treatment.

Please see the CSD for referral information.

Clinical Service Directory

Please see the RCH Clinical Services Directory online. You can look up all RCH services by keyword, clinic name or speciality.

You'll find referral forms, information, pre-referral guidelines, parent information factsheets and other useful resources.

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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."