



Endocrine Nurses' Society of Australasia Inc.

ENSAnews

Welcome to the second official electronic newsletter
ENSAnews!

We welcome your contribution to this newsletter. You can submit content/feedback via email to:
tania.yarndley@waikatodhb.health.nz
Looking forward to hearing from you.

Tania Yarndley Newsletter Editor

About ENSA Inc.

The Endocrine Nurses' Society of Australasia incorporated, (ENSA Inc.) is a professional organisation which provides a forum for continuing education and professional development for nurses working in the field of endocrinology.

The Society promotes collaboration between health professionals and is committed to the advancement of the art and science of endocrine nursing as a specialty field, through the development of standards of practise, enhancing clinical expertise, and promoting and encouraging nursing research.

Upcoming Events for 2014

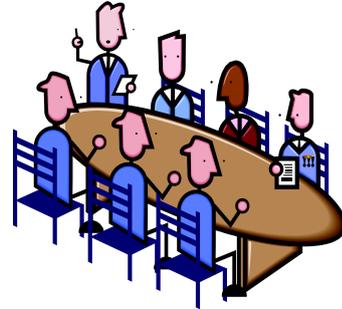
The Novartis Annual Endocrinology and Oncology Meeting for Nurses will be held on May the 17th in Sydney. The programme reviews Acromegaly and Cushing's Disease, closely followed by Neuroendocrine disorders. See over, as places are limited.

On the 22nd of June 2014 we have the International Endocrine Nurses Symposium in Chicago, a meeting for Nurses which coincides with ICE/ENDO, the world's largest endocrinology meeting. We have members from Australia and New Zealand attending, some of whom will be presenting at this meeting. They will also be involved in a panel discussion on the "International Implications of the Endocrine Nurse Competencies" following a presentation on this topic. In NZ and Australia respectively a core group of Endocrine nurses have been exploring the potential of this very interesting document.

The 25th ENSA symposium will be held on Monday the 25th of August in the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, preceded by the ESA Clinical weekend. You will have already received notice that registration and abstract submission for the ENSA meeting has opened. The early bird deadline for submissions and registration is 25th of July.

Please visit the ENSA website www.ensa.org.au to check out travel grants and awards on offer for this event.

April 2014



ENSA Committee 2013–2014

President: Klaus Sommer

Secretary: Helena Ching

Treasurer: Susie Baird

website: www.ensa.org.au

Novartis Annual Endocrinology and Oncology meeting for Nurses

Saturday, May 17th 2014, Hotel Pullman, Sydney Hyde Park,
36 College Street, Sydney

ENSA is calling for expressions of interest to attend this educational event designed by a steering committee of Endocrinology and Oncology nurses. Novartis will cover flights to the meeting. Note that accommodation and meals outside of meeting hours will be at delegates expense.

Please register your interest to Ann Robinson: annandron@bigpond.com by the close of business on **Monday the 14th of April**.

Ann will need your name, email and work address.

There are limited places available to ENSA members so please register your interest with Ann ASAP.

Kind regards,
Klaus Sommer
ENSA President
klaus.sommer@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

Resources

We are all passionate about educational opportunities for both our patients and for nurses working in Endocrinology. Endocrinology covers a large spectrum of complex, often rare disorders. This leads to great difficulty in providing relevant, useful take home information for our patients and their families. The Australian Pituitary foundation provides an excellent newsletter as well as other information resources. Check them out on www.pituitary.asn.au. There are many others - such as the Unicorn foundation, AMEND, thyroid.org, and the NZ Acromegaly Society. A patient orientated magazine worthwhile considering is "EmPower" available on the American College of Endocrinology website. There is a list of websites in the "links" section of the ENSA website.

For endocrine nursing there are several websites that you may find of interest. I have recently discovered "The Endocrinologist" a magazine available through the Society of Endocrinology which has a small endocrine nursing section. Try www.endocrinology.org.

We hope in the very near future that our ENSA website will be able to incorporate an educational component that members will be able to access. Please consider what you would like to have within the website and either email me your comments, or bring your ideas to the symposium in August.

The Hand-Held Health Care Record for People with Acromegaly

A reminder that this booklet is aimed at providing information for people with Acromegaly and their families and to assist with communication between services. We know that this book will be extremely helpful and empowering for patients living with Acromegaly and coping with the intricacies of keeping track of their health. It is accessible through the ENSA website, Australian Pituitary Foundation, or talk to your Novartis representative to obtain copies. After review and Endocrinologist endorsement, and with Ann's permission, a New Zealand version has been created. It is currently being formatted for print and should be available in the near future.

Questions or comments? Email me at: tania.yarndley@waikatodhb.health.nz