



## Presentation format

Allocated times for oral presentations will be determined when the conference program is finalised and will be no longer than 20 minutes. Posters will be displayed for the duration of the conference.

## Abstract submission

Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words and state whether it is a submission for an oral presentation or poster. The abstract should include the name of the presenter, their title and health service. The abstract should also clearly indicate the relevant category and outline how the presentation will address one of the submission categories.

To submit an abstract for an oral presentation or poster, please email your abstract to [continuingcare@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:continuingcare@dhs.vic.gov.au). Abstracts are due by 31 July 2008.

## Abstract assessment

Notification of acceptance for an oral presentation or poster will be emailed in late August/early September 2008. The conference program will also be finalised after this date.

For further information please contact Juliet Coles ([Juliet.coles@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:Juliet.coles@dhs.vic.gov.au) or 9096 0507) or Charlotte Dart ([Charlotte.dart@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:Charlotte.dart@dhs.vic.gov.au) or 9096 1412).

## Chronic pain management review

The Department of Human Services is undertaking a review of chronic pain management services. The objective of this review is to identify an appropriate model for providing these services into the future. As identified in the terms of reference for this review, this model needs to consider:

- eligible/target population
- goals and objectives of pain management services
- model of care
- relationships with other service providers
- role delineation in the context of the *Sub-acute services planning framework*
- future funding and service system sustainability.

An advisory group has been established to support the work of this review and includes representatives of rural and metropolitan chronic pain management services, representatives from the Department of Human Services including Ambulatory and Continuing Care, Drugs Policy and Services, Clinical Networks and Service Development and Access and Metropolitan Performance. Representation from General Practice Victoria has also been sought.

It is anticipated that consultants will be appointed to undertake this review in June 2008 with a proposed completion date of December 2008.

If you require any additional information about this review, please contact Carol Pyke on 9096 1335 or via email at [carol.pyke@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:carol.pyke@dhs.vic.gov.au).

## HARP liaison contacts

As many of the HARP managers will be aware, a recent restructure within the Ambulatory and Continuing Care section has seen a change in the staff acting as liaisons to the HARP-CDM services across the state.

Previously, one staff member from the A&CC team had responsibility for liaising with HARP services. In April 2008 (following the restructure) this role was handed over to Chelsea Simpson and Usha Mudaliar, with each person taking responsibility for liaison with half the state's HARP-CDM services. Details of this change were provided to HARP managers at the time.

We would now like to advise a further change to this arrangement. Effective immediately, Sian Reilly will replace Usha Mudaliar as the HARP contact for the Grampians, Hume, North and West, and Eastern region HARP-CDM services.

The following table lists the regions Chelsea and Sian have responsibility for. Contact details for both Sian and Chelsea are listed at the end of this newsletter in the 'Contacts' section.

HARP-CDM service region	Departmental HARP-CDM liaison
Loddon Mallee	Chelsea
Barwon-South Western	Chelsea
Gippsland	Chelsea
Southern	Chelsea
Statewide	Chelsea
Grampians	Sian
Hume	Sian
North and West	Sian
Eastern	Sian

## Upcoming pilot project for the care of people with chronic and complex HIV

The department will soon be calling for expressions of interest for a pilot project through the Hospital Admission Risk Program (HARP), to develop and pilot an integrated service model for the care of people with chronic and complex HIV needs. The project will respond to the recommendations set forth in the final report Project to develop an integrated service model for the provision of HIV services in Victoria, November 2007. The report detailed that a small proportion of people with HIV have a very high level of complexity (1 per cent) that requires intensive care coordination and a further 29 per cent with complex needs would benefit from care management. As such, the report advocates piloting a formal intensive care coordination program for people with HIV.

An expression of interest form will be sent to health services in August 2008. For further information please contact Sian Reilly on 9096 1331 or by email at [Sian.Reilly@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:Sian.Reilly@dhs.vic.gov.au).

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