

Practice Nurse Boot Camp - Mount Isa 27th March 2009

The North West practice support officers ran a successful 'boot camp' for practice nurses on Friday 27th March 2009.

The full program of sessions began with NWQPHC Psychologists presenting on dealing with mental health crisis in general practice. Evaluations suggest that the presentation was well received by attendees and provided them with information that they can apply in their work places.

The 2nd session was around using and reading ECG's and was presented by a nurse practitioner in the emergency department at MIBH. Evaluations suggest this proved to be one of the most popular presentations with 7 participants stating this was most relevant to them. 8 attendees would like another session on ECG's.

After lunch, the 3rd topic was pathology collection & venipuncture, including collection & storage of specimens, disposal of sharps, paperwork and legal issues. A Medical Liaison Officer from QML Townsville kindly presented on this topic. The resources were well received and attendees had many questions during this session. 5 evaluations stated they would definitely use knowledge gained in their work places.

The final sessions was facilitated by a QLD Health Diabetes Educator, regarding Diabetes Management. All 12 participants stated they definitely gained knowledge and information they could use in their practices.

The facilitators wealth of knowledge was certainly taken advantage of by the attendees who really benefited from this session.

NWQPHC would like to acknowledge GPQ and the NiGP program for funding and support to stage this event.

Via funding from the NiGP, NWQPHC were able to fund an additional day held later in the year including topics on vaccine management, the cold chain, immunisation techniques, continence treatments and overview, diabetic foot check, cryogenic equipment safety and childhood immunisation data management.

Another successful project thanks to the Nursing in General Practice program!

