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## Southern GP Matters

Dear GP Practice Teams

It's not been long between updates, but we have some upcoming initiatives we couldn't wait to share with you. We are pleased to share the Southern GP Matters Issue 13 - albeit short - we hope this is helpful and of interest to you.

Thank you for your continued support, please let us know if there is anything specific you want to see in our updates. Your input and feedback is always so important to us!

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Dr Mai, Emma, and Emily

### Upcoming face-to-face CPD opportunities

- [SALHN Interdisciplinary High Risk Foot Service GP and Primary Care Education Event – Thursday 27 June \(RSVP 17 June\)](#)
- [SALHN GP Clinical Collaborative – Meet the FMC Neurosurgery Team – Tuesday 23 July](#)

### Service updates

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## Upcoming face-to-face CPD opportunities

### SALHN Interdisciplinary High Risk Foot Service GP and Primary Care Education Event: Thursday 27 June (RSVP 17 June)

Please join the SALHN Interdisciplinary High Risk Foot Service to hear an update about the service, the current management of Diabetes Related Foot Disease, referral pathways for SALHN, plus a networking and Q&A opportunity.

#### Presenters will include:

- Dr Phil Puckridge, SALHN, Head of Unit Vascular
- Dr Tilenka Thynne, SALHN, Endocrinologist
- Sarah Christie, SALHN, High Risk Foot Service A/Podiatry Manager

The team are very keen to connect in person with GPs and GP practice nurses to work together and provide the best possible care to Southern patients!

**Thursday 27 June**

**5:30pm – 8:30pm**

**The Marion Hotel (The Glasshouse)  
849 Marion Rd, Mitchell Park**

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RSVP by Monday 17 June to:  
Sarah Christie - SALHN [sarah.christie2@sa.gov.au](mailto:sarah.christie2@sa.gov.au)  
or  
Shannen Langcake - Convatec [Shannen.langcake@convatec.com](mailto:Shannen.langcake@convatec.com)

*Please advise any dietary requirements*



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### SALHN GP Clinical Collaborative: meet the FMC Neurosurgery Team on Tuesday 23 July

After three highly successful sessions last year, we are excited to share our first SALHN GP Clinical Collaborative for 2024.

Please join the team of surgeons from the FMC Neurosurgery Unit for the below education and networking opportunity.

**When:** Tuesday, 23rd July 2024, 6.00pm – 8:30pm

**Where:** Marion Hotel

849 Marion Rd Mitchell Park

Dinner provided

**CPD:** 2 hours (Educational Activities)

Register: <https://sapmea.asn.au/education/events/salhn-gp-neurosurg-24>

*Building partnerships between Flinders Medical Centre and the surrounding General Practitioner community so that no patient gets left behind*

Join the FMC Specialty Units in a series of education and networking evenings.

A forum for GPs to meet the staff specialists, exchange knowledge and best practice, improve referral pathways, and allow specialist teams and GPs to collaborate on system-based process improvements.

**Neurosurgery**

Join the team of surgeons from the FMC Neurosurgery Unit.

**Tuesday**  
**23rd July**  
**6.00 - 8.30pm**

Marion Hotel  
Networking  
dinner included!

PRESENTATIONS

- Meet the SALHN Neurosurgical team
- Education update:
  - The Spine and neurosurgeon
  - The Spinal Assessment Clinical model
  - Cerebral aneurysms
  - Managing minor trauma in the older patient
- Review appropriate referral pathways
- Improving the interface with GPs

**FREE registration at <https://sapmea.asn.au/education>**

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## Service Updates

### Are you a GP or GP Practice Nurse thinking of referring a patient to the Emergency Department (ED)?

The Out Of Hospital (OOH) team is your one stop service to provide assistance in navigating urgent and after-hours care pathways that might be more suitable to your patient than ED.

Call the OOH team on 0481 902 546 (FMC) or 0467 798 312 (Noarlunga)

- 7 days a week
- 8am – 4.30pm

SALHN Women's Assessment Service: Early Pregnancy Unit (EPU) - NOW 7 DAYS!

The Early Pregnancy Unit is a service provided within the Women's Assessment Service (WAS) for women experiencing pelvic pain and/or vaginal bleeding in early pregnancy (<14 weeks).

It provides a more private environment than ED and women are treated within a shorter time period. It is also a model that can support women and GPs to keep women out of hospital, including arranging ambulatory follow-up and supporting shared care.

The EPU is located in the Women's Assessment Service at FMC and now open 7 DAYS Monday - Sunday 7am till 9.30pm (last patient accepted at 8pm) with the following contact details:

Phone: WAS front desk 8204 4645

Fax: 8204 5829

Location: Flinders Medical Centre, Women's Assessment Service, level 4 (Koala lifts)

The EPU provides scheduled appointments as well as unplanned reviews.

The EPU will provide clinical review and management as indicated, for instance Bloods +/- USS.

- Written referral is required and should be faxed to 8204 5829. Please include all relevant investigations, bloods and scans.
Clinically stable women can be seen in scheduled appointment times.
Assessment can be escalated by contacting WAS directly.

Common presentations include:

- Confirmed viable intrauterine pregnancy with sudden onset of pelvic pain and vaginal bleeding (Threatened Miscarriage)
Confirmed miscarriage on US requiring management
Suspected Ectopic Pregnancy with inappropriately rising BHCG
Retained Products of Conception following medical/surgical Termination of Pregnancy or incomplete miscarriage.

We have updated our "urgent and after-hours care" one-pager resource accordingly.

Information for Southern Adelaide General Practice teams
Urgent and After Hours Care Options
For assistance in navigating the services below, please contact the SALHN Out of Hospital Nurses - 7 days, 8am to 6pm, 0481 962 546 (FMC) and 0467 738 312 (Noarlunga)

Information for Southern Adelaide Local Practice teams
Useful Contacts
Patient results - Pathology, Patients results - Imaging, GP Integration Units

## Referrals for vasectomy

Referrals for vasectomy in SALHN are being managed by the General Surgery team.

For patients seeking referral for vasectomy, please consider addressing your referral to the General Surgery team (Fax: 8204 5555) to minimise any processing delays.

Further information on vasectomy, including referral information and additional resources, can be found in the SA Health Clinical Prioritisation Criteria: [Vasectomy - Adult CPC | SA Health](#)

### GP Liaison in FMC Medical Records: return to normal practice receiving both email and FAX again

Thank you for your patience while Medical records and the SALHN GP Liaisons relocate, we are happy to share the fax is now running and ready to receive requests.

The contact details for the GP Liaison team (FMC Medical Records) remain unchanged as detailed below:

**Email:** [healthfmcmedicalrecordsgpliaison@sa.gov.au](mailto:healthfmcmedicalrecordsgpliaison@sa.gov.au) (*preferred method for requests*)

**Phone:** (08) 8204 6040

**Fax:** (08) 8204 3964

Urgent requests must be emailed.

*We take this opportunity to thank Julie and Diane our GP Liaison's for the exceptional service they provide which we know is appreciated by our GP community from the glowing reports we hear whilst out and about!*

## Contact us

Please contact us at [Health.GPIntegrationUnit@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.GPIntegrationUnit@sa.gov.au) to be added/removed to our mailing list or with any other enquiries. We welcome your feedback.

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