

WIRRAL PRACTICE NURSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes from WPNA meeting on Wednesday 26th February 2007 at the Capitol Restaurant.

Apologies from Carol Heath . Alison Farrar, and Bev Chapman

Sue McGuire chaired the meeting

The meeting was well attended by 30 practice nurses, some faxes where not received by Becky and we had booked for 25. Please can you email your replies to Rose or Becky then you will know they have been received. 3 nurses DNAed without apologies.

The meeting was sponsored by Mark Whitfield from Roche Mark will bring your certificates around. Allan Illes i2 medical and Kevin Greenfield GSK Thanks for their continued support

Norma Evans Travel Health Specialist Practitioner

gave a very interesting talk on Hepatitis B

Some statistics

2 Billion People infected globally

1 Million Deaths per year are due to HBV

350 Million Chronic carriers

The virus is 100 times more infectious than HIV

Remains infectious for up to a week outside the body.

Causes 50% of all liver cancers worldwide

2nd only to tobacco as a known carcinogen

DH say we have 180,000 chronic carriers in the UK

May be asymptomatic

Children are at a much higher risk of becoming chronic carriers

Norma went on to tell us about transmission, treatment and prevention.

Rapid schedule 0.7 and 21 days with a booster at 12 months. Single booster dose required at 5 years. 11 to 15 years olds can have 2 adult doses of Engerix B, 6 months apart. Always remember to consult your green book for up to date information.

Mark Whitfield Roche has lots of information for obesity management , patient packs including a pedometer patient support line if you wish to contact him 07770873981, he would be grateful for any feedback to pass on to Alison Farrar from Lifestyle and Weight Management.

Carol Heath is looking for 2 nurses to represent primary care in the primary care nurses group from Wallasey to attend meetings about twice a year to discuss primary care needs please let her know if you are interested.

The new training in vacc and imms does not include travel vaccs you will have to access training for this elsewhere.

Sue McGuire talked about some of the defibrillator's (FREDS) now being out of date for the new guidelines, the monophasic cannot be modified so the upshot is they are still to be used as no money is available to upgrade to biphasic.

New respiratory rehab unit now opened at VCH if there are any suitable patients they can be sent here.

Sue McGuire also said she is trying to do a bulk buy on spiros this will of course make them cheaper, all spiros over 5 years old are out of date, and it should have a screen so you can see if the patient is blowing correctly. If your surgery is interested in purchasing one please let her know. She also is trying to organize a working committee to implement protocols for spirometry Wirral wide.

MIMS is available for nurses on line at no cost

How to access

1. visit <http://www.healthcarerepublic.com/mims>
2. search using the brand or generic drug name
3. login or complete the short registration form for access

All forthcoming training information can be accessed on the website www.wpna.org.uk

Any comments let your committee know contact details on the website under contacts.

Sue also asked for subs to be paid and many people did pay on the night, thank you. She is planning a **special treat but only for fully paid up members**, so get those subs in.

If you have paid your subs can you please make sure your email addresses have been sent to Sue Gethin :- thegethins@btinternet.com as some are still coming back. If you don't have an email addresses speak to your practice manager or WIS at APH and they will sort you out with one.

Next meeting Thursday 26th April at the Siam Restaurant in Greasby subject Osteoporosis. 7 pm start. Places are limited at this venue so it is first come first served, please put your contact number when you send your confirmation of attendance .