

Minutes of Practice Nurse Meeting 16th October 2008 at the Manor, Greasby.

Apologies:- Sue Gethin, Louise Carragher, Carol Heath, June Roberts and Becky Monaghan.

The meeting was attended by 16 Practice Nurses and was sponsored by Vicky Kerr from LeoPharma and Rachel Burns from Reckitt Benckiser (E45 samples available 07730499277).

Educational Meeting.

The meeting was opened by Sue McGuire who introduced the speaker Sue James Dermatology department ward manager from Clatterbridge. The evening was interactive (a bit like who wants to be a millionaire) with excellent pictures of skin conditions. The slides were c/o Professor Julian Verbov of the University of Liverpool. Did you know there are over 100 diagnoses in Dermatology? Sue recommends a systematic approach to skin conditions taking a good history. It was an excellent and fascinating talk.

Business Meeting.

Sue McGuire gave the usual warning- subs due January, there will be a vote about raising the subs at the AGM, date to be announced. **Anyone interested in becoming a committee member please let us know, new members very welcome we need new ideas.** You can now refer patients for dressings or injections to the Walk in Centres, but please supply dressing and they do not accept patients for compression bandages. Referral forms have been distributed to practices they can be faxed in. Patsy Dodd and Carol Heath will both be having surgery soon so cards and flowers will be sent on behalf of the association.

Sue Smith made a few announcements: - Copd training at Eastham Group Practice 4th November. CVD Foundation study day 13th November, contact KSF at St Caths if interested. The new CVD templates are apparently currently being worked on. Referral to medicines management is available for patients who have polypharmacy, who maybe hoarding medication or just need education, referral forms should be in practice or ask your practice pharmacist. Please bear in mind Sue Smith maybe busier than usual as Carol is off.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER. TOPIC OVERVIEW OF RECENT COPD STUDY, SPEAKER TRACEY KIRK, VENUE THE GOLDEN ORCHID, 46, MARKET STREET HOYLAKE.