

Minutes :- **WIRRAL PRACTICE NURSE ASSOCIATION MEETING** – held at **The Capitol 09/09/2008.**

SPONSORS – TEVA

ATTENDANCE – 23 PRACTICE NURSES

APOLOGIES – Carol Heath/ Sue smith

Educational Meeting

Speaker – Tracey Kirk (Respiratory nurse) “IT’S ASTHMA – but not as we know it”

An entertaining + perplexing presentation regarding the effect of inflammation on lower airways in asthma.

Tracey has recently been involved in a research project in Blackburn exploring hospital admissions following exacerbations.

Education around inhaler technique + use of spirometry for asthma patients has led to a 59% reduction in admissions during a 6/12 period - saving pounds!!

Clinically it appears patients with asthma are behaving like COPD patients – spirometry interpretation should involve assessment of small airways.

Delay in treating patients with asthma may lead to developing irreversible airways obstruction.

“Airway remodeling plays a crucial role in fatalities”

Business Meeting

All outstanding subs to be paid to Cath Farnworth – see attached list of members who **HAVE** paid. To ensure you are included on this list payments welcome A.S.A.P.please.

04/09/08; 11/09/08 + 24/09/08 Flu + Pneumonia Update Sessions from KSF – (target area **those at risk + under 65yrs**).

24/09/08 Claughton Medical Centre - Insulin Initiation Dave Mcaughey

25/09/09 The Pavillion (9.15am – 4.30) Heart Failure Day - contact Carol Heath or Sue Smith for more information.

01/10/08 (1pm – 5pm)Macdonald Craxton Wood Hotel COPD/ASTHMA management update Sue Hunter – contact sue Grainger 07786 800791 – sponsors GSK

19/10/08 (Egremont M.C), 29/10/08 (Tranmere) 14/11/08 + 24/11/08 - Clinical update COPD Management - contact Sue Smith or Carol Heath for further information.

07/10/08 Thornton hall Diabetes – Dr Guenka, contact sponsor Andy Gaunt (Lilly)

06/11/08 full day incl lunch (£20 charge) -Urology Study Day contact Jane Scoble
Ext 4367 or email jane.scoble@whnt.nhs.uk

MMR Campaign – will be Local Enhanced Service – see DOH website for update, letter for patients + parents may be downloaded.

HPV – Year 8 has commenced, 17year age group to be vaccinated in Primary Care – Direct enquiries to DOH website (“frequently asked questions”).

Reminder for all locum doctors + any other relevant staff to use **own Smear code** on forms as playing havoc in Cytology department relating to “inadequates” – contact Carol Heath or Sue Smith if anyone needs a smear code.

Further reminder :- PGD’s to be signed + updated.

NEXT WPNA MEETING –date + venue to be arranged.