

## National Snapshot

### What is ACNP doing to promote and support NPs?

The last 12- 18 months has been an extremely busy period for the College. The following is a summary of the key activities that ACNP board has been/ continues to be involved with at the National level:

#### Submissions

- AHPRA Senate Inquiry – April 2011
- Collaborative arrangements – response to RACGP – June 2011
- Indemnity Insurance (AHPRA) – May 2011
- Interim Standard for Registration as NP – November 2010

#### ACNP represents NPs in many forums/committees including

In addition to a number of one-off events and meetings ACNP also participates in:

- Review ANMC Nurse Practitioner Competency Standards (AHPRA)
- E-Health (National E-Health Transition Authority)
- Telemedicine (Department of Health and Ageing)
- Australian Nursing & Midwifery Accreditation Council-(Policy , standards and research committee; Accreditation and assessment committee)
- Coalition of National Nursing Organisations (CoNNO)
- Australian Healthcare Reform Alliance
- National Pain Summit, Pain Australia
- Royal College of Nursing Australia Scholarships
- National Prescribing Service (NPS)

#### Negotiation and advocacy for MBS/PBS access <sup>◊</sup> also see Education & Professional Development

- Department of Health & Ageing and Medicare Australia meetings/committees
- Medicare Australia consultation workshops (education needs analysis)
- Representations to Minister for Health
- Collaborative arrangements – meetings with AMA/RACGP and industry stakeholder groups (Medical insurance groups, Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Radiologists, Royal College of Pathologists Australasia, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia)

## Research

- HealthCare Consumers' and the Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute (ANU) – Consumer Perceptions of NPs

## Web enhancements \*also see Education & Professional Development

- E-news/alerts,
- E-Newsletter
- List-serve migration from old data base
- E-membership facility
- Member information requests and questions

## Education & Professional Development

- Annual ACNP conferences
- ICN Conference 2010 (Brisbane)
- NursePrac ED
- \*Web podcasts
- \*Establishment of web-based forum for specially interest groups
- ◊MBS/PBS: Frequently asked questions – fact sheet
- ◊1 November MBS/PBS Information Seminar
- Nurse Practitioner Information Brochure ( including grant to fund a further 160,000 brochures for distribution on request)
- About NPs - Frequently asked questions – fact sheet (soon)
- State Chapter convened education/professional development

## Media & Industry

- Respond to requests for interviews, printed & electronic media, and contribution to publications
- Press releases
- Respond to requests from industry stakeholders (eg. Pharmaceutical & marketing companies)

## Administration

In addition to day to day business operations and meeting ACNP constitutional and legislative requirements the organization is being further developed and enhanced through:

- Development of ACNP By-laws,
- Introduction MYOBI accounting
- Commencing some data collection