



HEALTH MATTERS HUCCLECOTE SURGERY

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Dr Steinhardt has been awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of General Practitioners (FRCGP). This is an outstanding achievement awarded to a very few GPs across the country each year by the Royal College and is awarded in recognition not only of his work here at the surgery, but also his work over many years on the Gloucestershire Local Medical Committee (LMC) and the Gloucestershire Branch of the British Medical Association (BMA) of which he was recently President. We all send him many congratulations on this award.

Nancy Hock Eng Yu, our specialist Asthma Practice Nurse, has announced that she intends to retire from Hucclecote Surgery. Her last day will be 31 October and we all send her best wishes for the future.



Dr Bailey will be away on sabbatical from the end of June to the beginning of August 2011. Dr Giles Field will be covering during this period.

Dr Emma Godson leave us in August. Emma moves on to Cheltenham to continue with her training.

Patient Participation Group (PPG). We are establishing a patient reference group, to seek the view of our patients on the running of Hucclecote Surgery, in order to identify areas for improvement. The information obtained through this group will ensure that changes we make are patient focused and relevant to our practice population. A PPG is a group of volunteer patients who are involved in making sure the Surgery provides the services its patients need.

The group is likely to need to meet approximately three times a year and will be involved in agreeing patient's issues and priorities, in order to plan our next annual patient survey. The most important issues will be those we consult our patients on by Survey. Once our survey has been carried out, the findings will be discussed with the PPG and proposals for changes to any services will be agreed. A



summary of decisions made will then be available on the practice website.

Anyone who would like to be involved needs to complete a 'PPG Contact Details' form which are available from reception. Arrangements for a first meeting will be established once the PPG is formed.

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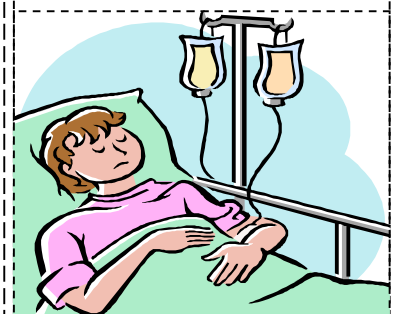
Hucclecote Surgery Training Sessions

The Surgery will be closed for training on the afternoon of the days listed below :

Weds 20 Jul 11

Weds 21 Sep 11.

Seasonal Influenza. The Flu season is just around the corner. Our Flu Vaccination Day will be in October as usual. **We will be taking bookings from 6th September onwards.** Look out for details.



Midnight Walks 2011



Congratulations to the Ladies of Hucclecote Surgery who completed the Gloucester Midnight Walk on Saturday 11th June.

Sarah, Susan, Suz, Karen, Barbara and daughter Zoe, would like to thank all the patients and colleagues who were able to sponsor them.

They raised a grand total of **£ 586.50.**

Well done Ladies.



Focus on Aneurysm Screening. The annual screening for new 65 year old males is taking place in July 2011. This screening is to check for the abnormal dilation or ballooning of an artery caused by the pressure of blood flowing through a weakened area.

The screening examinations are carried out by a mobile team which makes an annual visit to each participating GP practice in the County, examining the current batch of 65 year old men. Approximately **2200** new examinations are performed each year of which **95%** are normal (aortic diameter less than 2.6 cm) with no further follow up needed. Some **4%** of newly examined 65 year olds have a slight enlargement of the aorta and are invited to attend for a further scan when the team revisits their GP practice in a year's time. **1%** of those examined are found to have a more significant aneurysm (4.0 cms or greater aortic diameter), for which they are referred to a Vascular Surgeon for more detailed examination and follow up, with a view to possible elective surgical repair of the aneurysm.

If you are male and have recently turned 65 years old you should have received a letter calling you forward for screening. If you have not received a letter please contact the Surgery.

Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS

Trust Invites the Public to Organ Donation Seminar



Who can become a donor?

What can be donated?

When can you become a donor?

Organ Donation Saves Lives

- 3 people die every day waiting for an organ
- Only a third of the population are signed to the organ donor register (despite 90% of the public would have a transplanted organ if they needed)

Organ Donation Seminar for the public at 6pm on 12th July 2011 at Redwood Education Centre at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital.

Please would you email us at membership@glos.nhs.uk or call freephone 0800 0193303 and leave a message to book to attend.

This session will be repeated on **Monday 19 September 2011, 6.00 to 8.00 pm**, Oxstalls Indoor Tennis Centre, Gloucester.

