



## Where to from here?



Introduction to general practice  
Module 6: June 2009

# Learning objectives

On completion of this module participants will have:

- an understanding of professional development, mentoring, performance appraisal
- an understanding of the importance of ongoing education and professional development
- knowledge of the range of professional development and tertiary education opportunities that are available
- knowledge of scholarship funds
- knowledge of a range of support mechanisms available to practice nurses in their local area, state wide and nationally.

# Continuing professional development (CPD)

- aim: assists with maintenance or increased competence
  - short courses
  - longer courses (may include assessment)
- reflective practice is supported
- annual checks of CPD participation
- links back to practice nurse competency standards.

## Courses and Training Ideas (CPD)

- Pathology
- Immunisation Overview (APNA Online)
- Medicare Benefit Schedule (MBS)
- AGPN Orientation to General Practice (Online)
- Nurse Immuniser
- Pap Smear Provider
- Graduation Certificate in Nursing (General Practice)
- National Conferences
- Scholarships

# What GPNW/GPN Offer

- GPNW Orientation Overview
- Annual Immunisation Updates
- Strengthening Nutrition in General Practice Workshops
- Wound Care
- Asthma and Spirometry
- Ear Irrigation
- CPR

# Workplace Performance appraisal

- What does this mean?

# Educational support for practice nurses

- Australian General Practice Network, coordinates the NiGP
- state based organisations - General Practice Tasmania
- general practice networks - General Practice North West and General Practice North
- other support agencies:
  - Royal College of Nursing
  - Australian Practice Nurses Association
  - Australian Nursing Federation
  - NSW College of Nursing.

# THANK YOU

- CD of Resources / Printed Resources
- Please complete Evaluation Forms
- Questions
- Thank you