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## SILVER CHAIN HOME HOSPITAL GENERAL PRACTITIONER WORKSHOPS A SUCCESS

Held on 4 March 2011, the Silver Chain Home Hospital General Practitioners Workshop, designed to encourage General Practitioners in metropolitan Western Australia to refer to Silver Chain Home Hospital, saw great success and attracted 38 health care professionals to the Esplanade River Suites in Como.

Dr Roslyn Carbon, Director of Silver Chain Home Hospital, notes that the feedback from both the GP Workshops and the Home Hospital program in general, has been very positive.

“Most of our Silver Chain Home Hospital clients have indicated that they appreciate the opportunity to receive hospital level care from the comfort of their own homes and under the governance of their GP,” said Dr Carbon.

Workshop attendees commented that “the Workshop was very accessible, useful and comprehensive” and that “Silver Chain is showing the way forward for all of us!”

“This Workshop is a great opportunity for GPs to find out how they can play a part in reducing hospital presentations, reducing the pressure on public hospitals, seeing patients return home sooner after hospital admission and improving the responsiveness of the health care system as a whole, to meet growing demand,” noted Dr Carbon.

“The Silver Chain Home Hospital General Practitioners Workshops have been approved by the RACGP QI & CPD Department for 40 Category 1 points in the 2011-2013 Triennium, and GPs who attend will be remunerated \$880.00 (inc. GST) for the day,” concluded Dr Carbon.

The next Silver Chain Home Hospital General Practitioner Workshop will be held on Saturday, 7 May 2011 at 8:00am – 4:00pm at the Esplanade River Suites in Como and will cover:

- Safe management of conditions ranging from cellulitis and DVT to hyperemesis gravidarum in the patient's home
- Case studies to highlight communication and referral methods
- Clinical governance
- Home based investigations
- Range of nursing services and ‘home-help’ available to keep your patient at home during an acute illness

To register, please email Brenda McKeown, Silver Chain Student Placements Officer, at [bmckeown@silverchain.org.au](mailto:bmckeown@silverchain.org.au) or visit [www.homehospital.org.au](http://www.homehospital.org.au) for more information about Silver Chain Home Hospital. Additional Workshops are scheduled to occur throughout the year.

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