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KADINA MEDICAL ASSOCIATES

2 MINE STREET Kadina

Ph: 88 213 133

Welcome to Kadina Dr Petrus Du Toit

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INTERNS (1ST YEAR DOCTOR)

We welcome *Edmund Wong* to the Kadina Medical clinic he will be with us for 6 weeks.

This will be an ongoing arrangement where we will have a new intern every 10 weeks.

MEDICAL STUDENTS

We also welcome 4, 5th year medicals students, who we will be hosting for the year.

Emily Reid, Nicole Krzys, Alicia Robertson & Patrick Duigan



DR PETRUS DU TOIT

New procedural General Practitioner at Kadina Medical Clinic, has come from South Africa to South Australia.

Piet is a procedural GP, qualified in anaesthetics and obstetrics, he will support Dr John Blue and Dr Graham Morris in those areas, ensuring the continuation of services offered by the clinic.

“We have been pushing hard to obtain the services of a procedural GP, and are happy to have Pete here in Kadina”.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Born and bred in Orange Free State, South Africa, Piet completed two years compulsory military service in his younger days, during which time he fought for six months in Angola.

It was while he was in the army, in 1976, a direct descendant of Charles Dickens, named Charles Dickens, died in his arms. He wondered at the time what he could have done to save him.

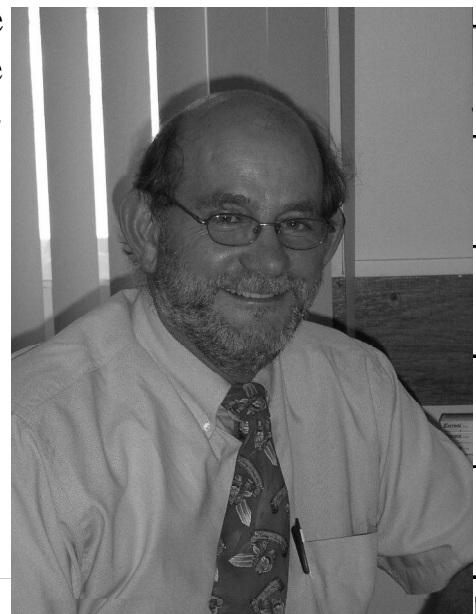
The incident, was, however the catalyst for Piet’s career in medicine.

Unable to enter university to study medicine at the time, he completed a degree in agriculture, as my background was in farming, helping my father part-time on our property. Two of our enterprises were Simmental cattle, and South African meat Merinos, dual-purpose meat/wool sheep.

After graduating from medicine, he completed his internship in South Africa, then in 2002 left on a 12 month contract in the South Atlantic, on the island of Tristan da Cunha, which is situated halfway between Cape town and Rio de Janeiro.

When he first arrived in Australia, he began work at Wudinna on Eyre Peninsula, then Tumby Bay for one year and then aback to Wudinna.

Piet commenced at Kadina on January, and he and his partner Sue Gordon, are settling into life at Kadina. Sue is a midwife who will be working at Wallaroo Hospital.



FLU VACCINES

The flu vaccine will start on the 7th March.

There will be allocated times for each Doctor for the flu vaccines

You need to book with you own doctor .

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Can you please ensure that you bring in your Medicare cheques into the clinic ASAP.

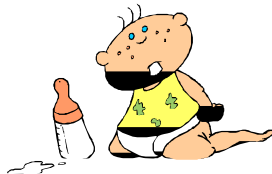
When paying the full amount of your account on the day, you receive a \$10.00 discount.

If you have concerns about how long it takes to receive your rebate back from Medicare you can bring in your bank details your rebate will be sent directly to you bank account in

PARENTING ROOM

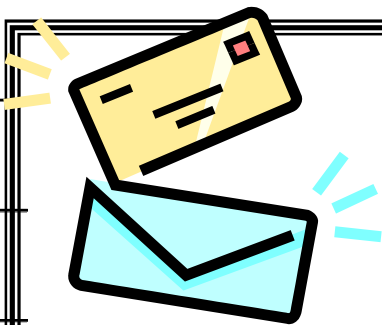
The Clinic has a room now set up for Parents and young children.

For assistance please ask the Reception



REFERRAL LETTERS

You Must Take Your Referral Letter With You When You Attend Your Specialist Appointment.



SCRIPTS

If you require a prescription from the Doctor, can you please make sure your appointment is at least 2 weeks Prior to your script running out.

Medicare & Concession Cards

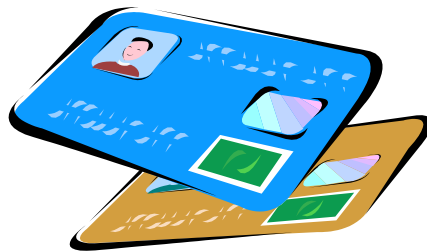
****PLEASE REMEMBER ****

TO BRING YOUR MEDICARE CARDS AND
CONCESSION CARDS WITH YOU TO EACH
APPOINTMENT.

AS FROM 1ST APRIL IT IS A
MEDICARE REQUIREMENT FOR THE CLINIC TO
SIGHT THESE CARDS AT EACH VISIT.

IF CONCESSION CARDS ARE NOT SHOWN
ACCOUNTS WILL BE BILLED AT FULL
AMOUNT.

**Please make sure that once you are 18 years
you must apply for your own Medicare Card**



BULK BILLING OCCURS FOR PATIENTS WITH
CONCESSIONS

(EXCLUDING ANTE-NATAL VISITS & THE
HIRING OF BLOOD PRESSURE MACHINES)

AFTER HOURS CONSULTS WILL INCUR A \$20
FEE FOR CONCESSION HOLDERS A \$30 FEE
FOR NON CONCESSION CARD

MEDICARE CHEQUES

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

WHEN SENDING YOUR MEDICARE CHEQUE OR HEALTH FUND CHEQUE BACK TO THE MEDICAL CLINICS, CAN YOU PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU KEEP THE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT ATTACHED TO THE CHEQUE. THIS GIVES THE STAFF THE INFORMATION OF THE DATE OF THE APPOINTMENT THE NAME OF THE PATIENT (IN YOUR FAMILY) THAT SAW THE DOCTOR FOR THE CONSULTATION. IT IS **VERY IMPORTANT** THAT THE CHEQUES ARE ALLOCATED TO THE RIGHT PERSON AND DATE.

Medicare

Statement of Benefit
PLEASE RETAIN FOR TAXATION PURPOSES

PAID IN FAVOUR OF PROVIDER

SA PHONE 132 011

PROVIDER DETAILS

0204123W DR ????????????????

**MR P BLOGGS
222 SMITH TERRACE
ADELAIDE SA 5000**

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MEDICARE CARD NUMBER 1234 56789 1

PATIENT NAME	PROV NO	DATE	NO	ITEM	CHARGE	SCH FEE	BENEFIT EXP
BLOGGS,PHILLIP	0204123W	040200	1	23	40.55	25.85	26.25
					TOTALS	40.55	26.25
					TOTAL CHEQUE AMOUNT		26.25

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PATIENT NAME	PROV NO	DATE	NO	ITEM	CHARGE	SCH FEE	BENEFIT EXP
BLOGGS,PHILLIP	0204123W	040200	1	23	40.55	28.75	26.25
					TOTALS	40.55	
					TOTAL CHEQUE AMOUNT		26.25

Medicare

Health Insurance Commission **Medicare Benefits Account**

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA
MELBOURNE, VIC.

27 MAR 2002

PAY: TWENTYSIX DOLLARS AND TWENTYFIVE CENTS

02044006

\$26.25

REFERENCE

TO:
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MR P BLOGGS
222 SMITH TERRACE

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DR ????????????
THE KADINA MEDICAL CENTRE
2 MINE CR

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**WE
NEED
TO SEE
BOTH
THESE
PORTIONS**

NEWS FROM THE NURSES

Q FEVER

Q fever vaccine

The vaccine has been highly effective in preventing Q fever infection and gives long lasting protection. However, the vaccine is not 100% effective; as small number of people may not develop immunity and no absolute guarantee of protection can be given.

Q fever vaccine is an inactivated/dead vaccine and cannot give you Q fever disease.

If a person has been exposed and is vaccinated during the incubation period of the disease, Q fever infection may develop.

Reactions to Q fever vaccination

Mild (common) reactions include:

- * Localised redness or tenderness at the injection site
- * General mild influenza-like symptoms

Rare (moderate/severe) reaction:

- * Fever, chills and sweating
- * Local induration at the injection site
- * Oedema
- * Vaccine-associated chronic fatigue syndrome

Comparison of effects of Q fever disease and vaccine

Q fever disease	Effects of disease	Possible reactions to Q fever vaccine
Q fever is a vaccine-preventable disease caused by infection with <i>Coxiella burnetii</i> bacteria. Q fever is transmitted through infected animals' urine, milk, faeces and birth products. These animals are particularly sheep, cattle, goats and kangaroos. People become infected when they inhale contaminated droplets produced during the slaughter of animals or by inhaling dust from contaminated materials.	The incubation period is usually 2 to 3 weeks. More than half of infections are asymptomatic. Symptoms include fever of abrupt onset, severe headache, extreme fatigue, chills and muscle aches. Although rare, complications may involve the liver (inflammation), heart (endocarditis) and bones (osteomyelitis). About 20% or more patients may go on to develop post Q fever fatigue syndrome. Symptoms include fatigue, nausea, headache, night sweats and loss of concentration. Symptoms may continue for many years.	Common reactions: mild influenza-like symptoms, localised redness and tenderness at the injection site. What to do <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paracetamol to relieve symptoms Rare reactions: local induration at injection site, oedema, fever, chills, sweating, and vaccine-associated chronic fatigue syndrome. What to do <ul style="list-style-type: none">• immediately contact the doctor, nurse or hospital

NEWS FROM THE NURSES

VACCINATIONS FOR Q FEVER

Those people who work closely with sheep, cattle & goats may be at risk of contracting Q Fever. Q fever is a severe 'flu-like' infection which may be followed by various complications.

Vaccination against Q Fever is available from the clinic. People wishing to be vaccinated must be tested 7 days prior to receiving the vaccine to avoid any adverse reactions to the vaccine. This involves a skin test & blood test. Cost is \$100.00 for 2 consultations with the Doctor, approx \$16.00 for the blood test and \$100.00 for the vaccine. The Government is no longer providing free vaccines. This is all tax deductible as work related expenses.

Testing & vaccination sessions will be conducted at the clinic when enough people are registered. This keeps the cost to you as low as possible.

Next testing session will be held on Thursday March 31st and vaccination date Thursday April 7th

If you would like more information or wish to register for the next testing session, please speak to the Practice Nurses at the Kadina Clinic on 88 213 133.

Procedures

Can you please make sure that when you are having a Procedure or any treatment done that you please switch your **MOBILE PHONE OFF**. Your co-operation in this matter would be Greatly appreciated.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

X-Rays

All x-rays
are the property of the patient
Please make sure that you
collect all of your
OLD & NEW X-rays
Please ask at the front desk
If you are unsure



Results 2 - 4pm

No time on the phone waiting

EMAIL: results@kadmed.com.au

The Kadina Medical Associates now has an email address for results.

If your email is not answered within **24 hours** please follow up with a phone call.

****Ringin g is still an option****

Please ring between the hours of
2-4pm.

If the nurses are unable take your call please leave a message with the reception staff and the nurses will contact you ASAP.

Work cover

It is a requirement of Kadina Medical Associates that new Work Cover claims are to be paid in full at the time of the visit **UNLESS** your employer has a signed work cover agreement with our practice. Please contact us prior to your appointment. Approved claims with an established claim number, will be billed directly to work cover, as long as full details of the claim are available (By Production Of a letter showing claim details from your work cover agent).

If you require assistance with Work Cover enquiries please ask for details at the reception desk.



General Information

TREATMENT ROOM APPOINTMENTS

If you require any treatment from the nurses please let the reception staff know this when making your booking as the nurses are only available during the hours of 10am to 4pm.

PLEASE DO NOT MAKE LATE APPOINTMENTS

To avoid any inconvenience please note that from 5pm weekdays there is only 1 receptionist on duty to deal with emergencies. If you could refrain from making non urgent appointments, payment of accounts etc. We would be very appreciative.

To have blood taken here at the clinic you need to book an appointment for either Wednesday morning at 8.30am or Friday morning at 9.00am. It's not always possible to see a Nurse if you just come in off the street.

Don't forget to book in when you arrive and recheck if you seem to be waiting for a while. Don't forget to book longer appointments if needed.

Check if you need scripts prior to seeing Doctor .

SATURDAY MORNINGS

Saturday morning clinics are for emergency consultations only and We take bookings for Saturday mornings on the day. No bookings for