

Dear Orthoptist Colleague

Glaucoma NZ - Professional Education Programme 2009: New Focus!

Glaucoma NZ invites you to enrol in our Professional Education Programme for 2009. Glaucoma NZ's online professional education programme is appropriate for orthoptists as well as other eye health professionals. Please confirm with the Australian Orthoptic Board regarding relevant accreditation points.

The course involves up to sixteen hours of professional development time over the year, and is suitable for your professional portfolio. You work online, whenever you choose, at your own pace.

The 2009 online course will again be largely case-based, comprising a series of seminars based on clinical case studies, and Glaucoma Updates reviewing recent glaucoma literature. The seminars will cover a planned programme of topics which will link academic knowledge with practice. As well as questions and answers to accompany each case, each seminar will include an academic discussion of the important features of the case described.

In addition, this year 5 of the 10 cases will be in areas of therapeutics involving the use of medications other than glaucoma drops. These cases will be in areas that affect the glaucoma patient and require a broader approach to management such as, the use of steroid eye drops, allergic eye disease, and dry eye.

Glaucoma NZ will provide a Certificate of Participation or a Certificate of Achievement depending on whether or not you sit and pass the exam.

Course materials will be accessible from mid March through a log-in and password to the Professional Arena section of the Glaucoma NZ website www.glaucoma.org.nz.

An "open book" multiple choice and short answer examination will be posted on the site later in the year, with answers due in by early to mid October. The examination will be based on the seminar cases and their questions and answers, the discussions and literature highlights.

The subscription fee for the 2009 Professional Education Programme will be \$250 (GST inclusive). We are pleased to offer a discount when more than one enrolment is received from the same practice/clinic, reducing the fee to \$225 (GST inclusive).

To streamline the administration process we would encourage you to enrol and pay online visit www.glaucoma.org.nz click Professional Education button (pay by credit card, or direct credit to bank account shown), or download the enrolment form and post together with your cheque. Alternatively you can still fax the form with your credit card details or direct credit to bank account shown. Your tax invoice/receipt together with your log-in and password will be emailed to you as soon as processed.

The Trustees of Glaucoma NZ are committed to providing the best professional education possible. We look forward to a continuing relationship with you, as we work together towards the shared goal of better eye health for all New Zealanders.

Yours sincerely



Professor Helen Danesh-Meyer
Chair

On behalf of the trustees of Glaucoma NZ

Enrolment: Glaucoma NZ Professional Education Programme 2009

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Have you previously enrolled with Glaucoma NZ?			
Receipt to be issued in the name of individual or practice/clinic?		Individual	Practice/Clinic

2009 Professional Education Fee: \$250 GST inclusive

2009 Discount Fee for multiple enrolments from one practice/clinic: \$225

Direct credit payment to ASB account:

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