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Earn 40 CME points in your pyjamas

Introducing iCOMET - a new way of earning CME points without having to leave home. Developed by the Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC) at the University of Auckland, this web-based education programme consists of short modules, with busy primary care health professionals in mind.

iCOMET will allow GPs to earn Continuing Medical Education (CME) points without having to give up their valuable time to attend sessions to further their education.

iCOMET gives GPs access to specialist courses while gaining CME points in the comfort of their own home, at work, when they like - the decision is in their hands.

The programmes have been expertly designed, peer reviewed and presented by IMAC. The first available online course is an Immunisation Education Programme and it is envisaged that other interactive web-based training modules have been added, including a Vaccinator Training Course for practice nurses and Meningococcal B and Influenza modules.

Completing the New Zealand GP Immunisation Education Programme will earn 40 CME points plus give GPs:

- Access to IMAC's most requested resources from their 0800 line;
- Resources for maximising immunisation coverage within a practice; *and*
- Parent-focused articles to assist with explaining the effectiveness of immunisation.

"This programme aims to equip primary care with relevant immunisation information and knowledge to assist us to be better informed and up-to-date on immunisation issues. Ongoing learning is vital to my ability and confidence as a GP. Access to information has never been easier. We can improve our children's health", says Dr Nikki Turner, Director, Immunisation Advisory Centre, The University of Auckland.

Over 200 GPs have already registered with iCOMET and so far, IMAC has been overwhelmed by positive feedback.

“The online nature of the course enabled me to complete the work in my own time frame with the result that I achieved far more CME than I normally would have. I would love to see more courses along similar lines,” says a recent ‘graduate’ of the course.

IMAC has funding for a limited number of seats so register now to secure your place. Registration is via the website www.icomet.org.nz, takes five minutes and gives users an ongoing password to access member-only parts of the website creating time savings at future logins.

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