7th Biennial Primary Health Care Department Conference Programme

8th October 2013

Le Meridien Hotel and Spa, St. Julian’s, Malta

8:00hrs: Registration & Welcome Coffee

9:00hrs: Welcome
Rebecca Cachia Fearne, Chairperson Organising Committee
Practice Nurse, Primary Health Care Department, Malta

9:05hrs: Opening of Conference
Hon. Minister Dr. Godfrey Farrugia
Minister for Health

9:15hrs: Keynote Speech:
‘Does Primary Care Fulfil the Promise? Citizens’ Rights to Health Care and Experiences in Europe’
Dr. Pim De Graaf
Board Member, European Forum of Primary Care

9:55hrs: Keynote Speech:
‘Primary Health Care in Malta – The New Vision’
Dr Neville Calleja
Director Health Information and Research
Acting Chief Medical Officer
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10:15 hrs: Questions from the Floor

10:30hrs: Coffee Break

11:00hrs: Concurrent Sessions
Session A: Evaluating Primary Health Care Services
Session B: New Initiatives for Primary Health Care
Session C: Improving Quality of Care
Session D: Promoting Person-Centred Care

13:00hrs: Closing Speech
Dr Renzo Degabriele
CEO, Primary Health Care Department
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13:20hrs: Lunch

Closing of Conference
Concurrent Session A: 
Evaluating Primary Health Care Services

1. A Study of General Practice Consultations at Mosta Health Centre

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2. Diabetes Foot Screening in Malta – Is it Being Neglected?

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3. Specialist Training in Family Medicine in Malta during 2007-2012 - a comparative evaluation of the first and fifth years of the programme

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4. A Study to Evaluate Women’s Satisfaction of the Maltese Breast Screening Programme

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New Initiatives for Primary Health Care

1. The New Mental Health and Guardianship Acts – Challenges and Opportunities for Primary Health Care Practitioners

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2. Recent Advances in Primary Health Care

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3. Breast and Colo-Rectal Cancer: Prevention and Screening

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4. The Adult Down Syndrome Clinic – Bridging the Gaps Beyond Transition

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Improving Quality of Care

1. A qualitative exploration of patients’ ideas on improving the delivery of primary care in Malta

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2. General Practice Organisation and Healthcare Reform: What do Maltese G.P.’s Think?

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3. The ‘Cost of Caring’

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4. Bandages and Bandaging: The Lower Limb

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5. Health Literacy in Primary Health Care: Gateway to Access

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Promoting Person-Centred Care

1. Practices in diagnosis, disclosure and pharmacotherapeutic management of dementia by general practitioners – a national survey

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3. A Call for Action - Immunise

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4. Old People’s Homes – an Audit with a Difference

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**Breakout Rooms Foyer**

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2. **Reach on The Beach**
   
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