



# The General Practice Department, Melbourne University and the Centre for Adolescent Health, Royal Children's Hospital



together with

School of Nursing, Griffith Uni., School of Pop. Health, Melbourne Uni. and Uni. of Calgary

Wish to invite your practice to take part in a **WORLD** first project evaluating the effectiveness of a practice systems approach versus clinician only approach to detecting health risks in young people aged 14 to 24 presenting to general practice. This important research will provide data on the impact current best practice training of clinicians is having on the health outcomes of young people. This data will help inform health policy around properly financing this work. We want general practices keen to improve their services to the young people they see and keen for their efforts in participating to influence policy.

The greatest causes of **death** for this age group are road traffic accidents and suicide and most **disability** is caused by psychosocial problems: depression, substance abuse and unprotected sex. Harms from these problems may be prevented with early detection and intervention. Around **40% of young people attending general practice will have a psychosocial problem**. Young people report wanting to discuss these issues but are unwilling to initiate discussions with clinicians.

The project **PARTY (Prevention, Access and Risk Taking in Young people)**, seeks to find effective ways general practice can detect and respond to young people's health risks and improve their access to care/youth friendliness. This project will also study the role of the practice nurse in this work where practices have one who wants to be involved and has an economic evaluation component.

Being part of this project will *at least* entitle participants to:

- FREE expert training in understanding young people, detecting risks and youth friendly practices
- A \$1000 honorarium to the practice
- 30 Quality assurance points for GPs
- Analysed feedback from the young patients followed up by the researchers at 3 and 12 months.

**We are now taking expressions of interest from practices who may want to be involved in 2008.** GPs, practice nurses or practice managers may lodge an expression of interest on behalf of their practice. To be eligible for the project, practices need to see at least 15 young people aged 14-24 per week.

**RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you would like to receive further information:** places for 2008 are to be finalised in 2007. Several rounds of training will be conducted throughout 2008. CONTACT: Dr Lena Sancic/Brenda Grabsch for more detailed information on 8344 7196/email b.grabsch@unimelb.edu.au  
If replying by fax or post, the form below is provided:

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**TO: Dr Lena Sancic, Department of General Practice, University of Melbourne, 200 Berkely St, Carlton, 3053 or FAX: 9347 6136.**

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I would like to receive more information on the PARTY project:

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