



IPE for QUM

# NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome

Welcome to our fifth newsletter for the ALTC funded project "Interprofessional education (IPE): enhancing the teaching of medication safety to nursing, pharmacy and medical students". Here is a brief report of our activities since the October Newsletter and an outlook for early 2012.

If you would like a copy of previous newsletters, please visit the project website or contact Kyle Furner at: [ipeforqum@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:ipeforqum@newcastle.edu.au)

## Vanessa's Story

Our next learning module, 'Vanessa's story' is now available on the project website. The module recounts the story of how communication breakdown and a series of errors led to an adverse medication incident that resulted in Vanessa Anderson's death in 2005. We are grateful to Michelle and Warren Anderson for sharing Vanessa's story with us.



## VTE Module

Filming of the next learning module, based on omission of VTE prophylaxis in a 68 year-old orthopaedic patient was completed last week and will be available on the website early in 2012. This production was made possible by the outstanding help of several students and health professionals who kindly went on camera for us. See the behind the scenes shots below – [more are available on the website](#).



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## Mental Health Module

A draft script for the Mental Health Scenario has been completed and is currently under review by a range of clinicians. Filming is due to commence in March of next year. We will be looking to use health professionals in as many of the roles as possible so if you or anyone you know is a health professional who may be interested in a small acting role, please contact us.

## 2012 IPE for QUM Symposium

The Project Symposium will take place on a Friday during November 2012 at Noahs on the Beach, overlooking the beautiful Newcastle Beach. We will be hosting a dinner on the Thursday night with guest speaker, Julia McCrossin.



## Merry Christmas

Tracy, Conor, and the team wish you and your family a safe and happy festive season and all the best for 2012. We look forward to working with many of you in the New Year and hope to meet many others at the Symposium in November.

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