The PARTY 1 project is heading into its final practice recruitment phase. It has been very gratifying to work with our participant practices as we move through the trial and we look forward to engaging with the final 6-7 practices as they come on board.

Our new, in-practice, casual research assistants (Eris, Annie, Adrian, Rebecca and Jessie) have been out in the field working closely with staff in the practices to facilitate the recruitment of young people who come to the practice for a consultation. Along with our in-practice training sessions, this approach to the recruitment of young people is making it even easier for practices to be involved in the PARTY Project.

Work is now underway in planning the implementation of PARTY 2. The familiar faces from the PARTY 1 staff will still be around but in coming months we will be welcoming some new team members - so watch this space!! In recent weeks our Chief Investigator, Dr Lena Sanci, has been presenting at the WONCA* conference in Switzerland and networking with international colleagues in the UK and Europe—more details in the next edition. (“WONCA is the acronym for a very long name which boils down to “World Organisation of Family Doctors”.)

For further information about the PARTY trial, please contact Brenda Grabsch. PARTY Project Co-ordinator, on (03) 8344 7196.

All the PARTY stats

**THE PRACTICES**
- Practices: 33
- General Practitioners: 81
- Practice nurses: 31
- Practice support staff: 61

**YOUNG PEOPLE SURVEYS**
- Pre-intervention: 303
- Post-intervention: 607
- 3 mth follow-up: 429
- 12 mth follow-up: 213

A few places left for practices in the PARTY trial.....

...so still an opportunity if your general practice is interested in:

- **FREE** expert training in communicating with young people about their health & youth friendly practice
- Earning at least 40 (but up to 120) Category 1 RACGP QA &CPD points for GPs
- A $1,000 honorarium to the practice
- Analysed feedback from your young patients whom we follow up at 3 & 12 months
- Your young patients going into a draw for an iPod

If "YES": for more information please telephone Kitty at the Department of General Practice on 8344 4538.
Youth health on the agenda at general practice conference

The 2009 General Practice and Primary Healthcare Research Conference was held in Melbourne from July 15-17th. This forum brings together a range of people who are interested in primary health care research, evaluation, development and policy. Delegates include academics, practitioners, policy advisors and consumers. The PARTY team strives each year, at this conference, to ensure that youth health is well represented. This year we presented two papers, one poster and Lena Sanci & Amanda Fraser co-facilitated (with Sydney colleagues) a breakfast workshop on young people's health.

Workshop
In the breakfast session "Empowering primary health carers through research and education to improve the health of young people" (Melissa Kang, Lena Sanci, Amanda Fraser, Smita Shah, Carol Kefford) there were facilitated discussions with delegates and 6 invited young people around 3 main themes:

- The resources needed for the education of GPs, medical students, GP registrars and practice nurses
- The remuneration (eg Medicare item numbers, bulk billing incentives) for GPs for preventative health consultations for adolescents
- Breaking down barriers i.e. should Medicare cards for young people be routinely issued and at what age?

Oral presentations
"Research evidence for the impact on young peoples health of youth-friendly practice in primary health care - a new randomised controlled trial" (Lena Sanci, Alan Shiell, Jane Pirkis, Patty Chondros, Susan Sawyer, Brenda Grabsch, Fan Yang, Janelle Seymour, George Patton). In this paper Lena outlined the new PARTY 2 project which aims to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiencies of a "whole of practice" intervention designed around youth friendliness.

"Evaluation of complex interventions in complex systems: challenges to economic evaluation methods" (Janelle Seymour, Lena Sanci, Alan Shiell). In her presentation Janelle described the challenges of conducting an economic evaluation of a complex intervention in a complex system using conventional economic evaluation methods.

Poster
"From research plan to reality: understanding the capacity of general practice" (Fan Yang, Patty Chondros, Lena Sanci). Fan’s poster described the gap between the research capacity of general practice and rigorous research data collection requirements.

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