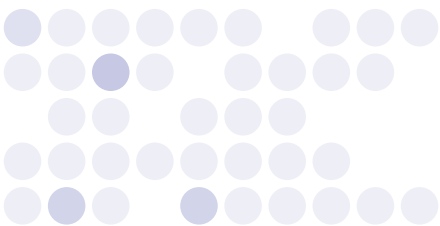


Q-COMP HealthReport



Welcome to the seventh issue of *Q-COMP Health Report*, a newsletter for allied health professionals.



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Welcome

Welcome to the autumn issue of Q-COMP Health Report, a newsletter for allied health professionals providing information and updates about the Queensland workers' compensation scheme.

Congratulations to Denise, an accredited exercise physiologist who won the latest ASUS Lamborghini laptop for completing online courses on Comprehend, our e-learning program.

We're now giving practice staff the chance to win a laptop when they register on Comprehend and complete and pass the course 'An overview of the scheme'.

Both medical and allied health practice staff can enter at www.qcomp.com.au. More details are in this issue.

We're pleased to announce the new exercise physiology table of costs to be released on 1 July 2009.

It means accredited exercise physiologists will now be able to provide a wider range of services to injured workers under Queensland's workers' compensation scheme.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.



Elizabeth Woods
Chief Executive Officer

New website

By now you may have noticed the improvements to our website.

We hope you'll find it much easier to locate frequently used documents such as:

- allied health tables of costs and guidelines
- provider management plans.

If you have any feedback on our new website please contact the Health Services team on 1300 789 881 or email qcomp@qcomp.com.au.

Suitable duties programs

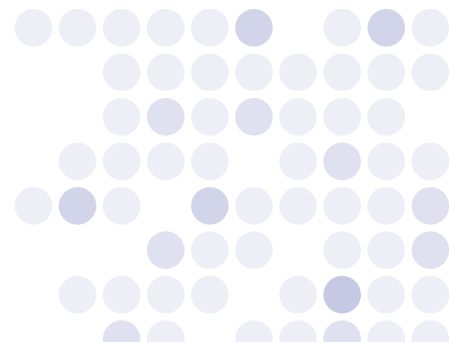
Preparing a suitable duties plan for an injured worker can sometimes be complex and it's important to know when to refer to a rehabilitation professional.

At our recent allied health provider meeting we were asked to provide guidelines on when a rehabilitation and return to work coordinator or an insurer should refer to a trained rehabilitation professional to prepare a suitable duties plan.

We are aware there may be times when a rehabilitation professional is not necessary to establish the suitable duties plan but we believe there are certain injuries when a rehabilitation professional should be involved.

We're working on guidelines and consulting with stakeholders to clearly identify when a rehabilitation professional should develop the suitable duties plans.

Look out for more details in the next *Q-COMP Health Report*.



E-learning winner

Denise, an accredited exercise physiologist, won the latest ASUS Lamborghini laptop in our e-learning promotion for medical and allied health professionals.

Denise earned continuing professional development points (CPD) from the Australian Association of Exercise and Sports Science for completing two of our online courses on Comprehend, Q-COMP's e-learning program.

Denise says Comprehend was easy to use and easy to access.

'The fact it offered CPD points is what attracted me to the courses.

'They were highly relevant and easy to understand—it was great overview for all health professionals in Queensland's workers' compensation scheme.

Comprehend offers a number of free, easy to use courses for allied health

professionals with CPD points, including:

- An overview of the scheme.
- An introduction to workers' compensation for allied health professionals.

By completing both courses, CPD points are on offer for members of:

- OT Australia – 1.5 points Category 2: private study for accredited OTs.
- Australian Physiotherapy Association – 3 CPD points – other continuing education.
- Australian Podiatry Association – type 4 quality improvement activities.
- Australian Association of Exercise and Sports Science – 4 CE points.
- Australian Osteopathic Association – 2 category 1B points.
- Speech Pathology Australia – 1 point within the PSR program.

You can access the courses anytime from the Comprehend link at www.qcomp.com.au.

Also keep an eye out for these upcoming courses:

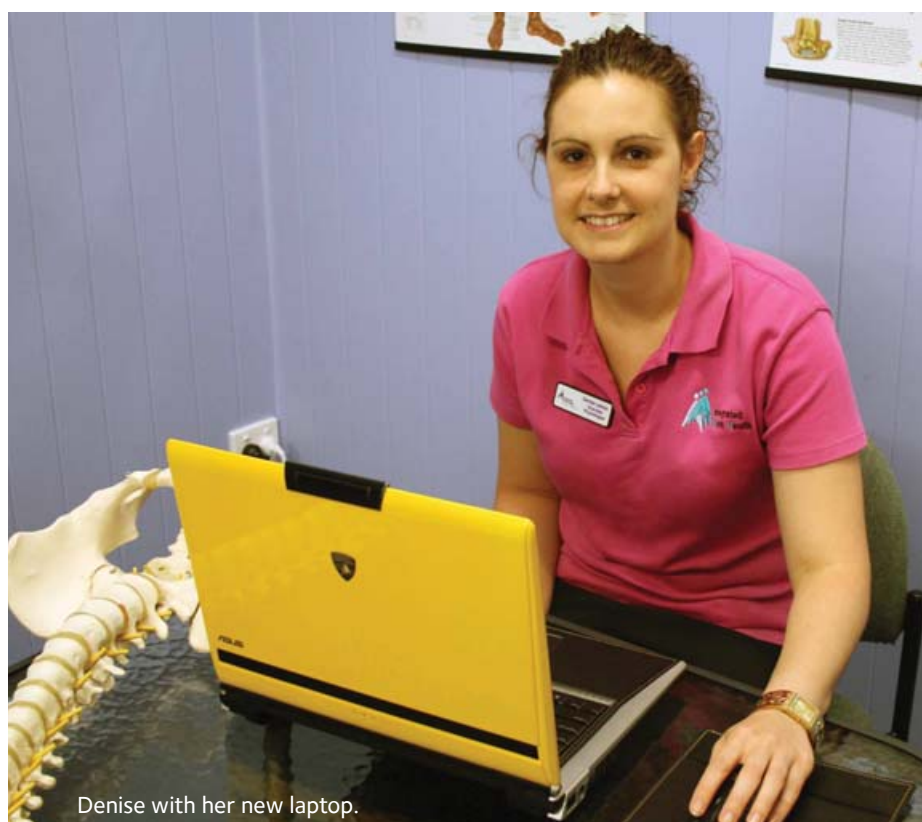
- Clinical treatment services for allied health professionals.
- An introduction to workers' compensation for allied health practice staff.

Practice staff can win a laptop!

We're also running an exciting promotion for practice staff when they register with Comprehend and complete 'An overview of the scheme'.

Practice staff can simply log on to www.qcomp.com.au, register, complete and pass the course for the chance to win a brand new laptop. Full terms and conditions are available on Comprehend.

'They were highly relevant and easy to understand—it was great overview for all health professionals in Queensland's workers' compensation scheme'.



Denise with her new laptop.

New table of costs for exercise physiologists

We're pleased to announce on 1 July 2009 exercise physiologists will have a table of costs.

We've been working with insurers and the Australian Association for Exercise and Sports Science to increase the services of exercise physiologists in Queensland's workers' compensation scheme to a level similar to other states.

The services include:

- workplace assessments
- functional capacity evaluations
- return to work facilitation
- preparation and monitoring of suitable duties plans.

We recognise the skills accredited exercise physiologists offer Queensland's workers' compensation scheme and we're happy to report accredited exercise physiologists will now be listed as 'approved providers' for these items in the *Return to work services table of costs and guidelines*.

All changes, including the new *Exercise physiology table of costs* will come into effect on 1 July 2009.



Have your say!

We continue to meet regularly with all provider groups and associations.

If you have issues or questions about allied health services you can:

- raise issues with your professional association
- use the Q-COMP online feedback form at www.qcomp.com.au
- call us direct on 1300 789 881.

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