

Doctor's Notes




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Medicare Benefits Schedule Review



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On 7 June 2017, the MBS Review Taskforce released six reports for public consultation. These reports cover

- Renal medicine
- Spinal surgery
- Dermatology, allergy and immunology
- Diagnostic imaging of the knee (third report)
- Diagnostic imaging – pulmonary embolism and deep vein thrombosis (fourth report)
- Urgent after-hours (preliminary report).

The consultation period closes on 21 July 2017 and there are online surveys for each report.

[Find out more >>](#)

Cancer Council NSW Educational Seminar

Last month the Cancer Council hosted an educational seminar in Broken Hill. The seminar provided health professionals with the knowledge about CCNSW support services, with the underlying message that no matter where community members live there is always help.



Below is a list of links mentioned on the evening that you may find useful:

- GP portal <http://qp.cancer.org.au/>
- Aboriginal portal <https://www.cancer council.com.au/aboriginalcancer/>
- Webinars <https://www.cancer council.com.au/get-support/webinars//>
- General Support Services <https://www.cancer council.com.au/get-support/>
- Prevention resources <https://www.cancer council.com.au/cancer-prevention/>

[Find out more >>](#)

Have a CHAT with your patients this winter

Lung Foundation Australia's winter campaign, Have the CHAT, encourages people with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) to stay well and out of hospital.

Lung Foundation Australia has developed a suite of evidence-based resources to support health professionals in timely identification and management of COPD exacerbations.



[Find out more >>](#)

Western NSW Health Research Conference

The aim of the Western NSW Health Research Network (WHRN) is to improve the health and well-being and reduce the health inequalities of people living, studying and working in Western NSW, through research. WHRN includes members from four Universities, health services and providers, Orange Aboriginal Medical Service, NGO's and the community in Western NSW.

This year the WHRN Research Conference will be held in Orange, NSW, on 16-17 August 2017.



[Find out more >>](#)

CARESEARCH
palliative care knowledge network



Palliative care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples: online resources

Ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients feel culturally safe and receive culturally responsive care is a key responsibility of every health care provider.

Guided by an expert advisory group comprised of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people representing various organisations within the health sector across Australia, CareSearch has

created online resources that will help build a path of cultural capability and understanding for supporting care with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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[Find out more >>](#)

Delirium Clinical Care Standard

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has produced a Clinical Care Standard Fact Sheet on Delirium.

The goal of the Delirium Clinical Care Standard is to improve prevention of delirium in patients at risk and to improve the early diagnosis and treatment

of patients with delirium, so as to reduce the severity and duration of delirium.

[Click here to download the Fact Sheet.](#)



[Find out more >>](#)



Important Update: Sanofi Diabetes APP

Please be advised the Sanofi Diabetes APP has been removed from the Apple APP store and the Google Play store as of 18 May 2017.

If you have provided advice to patients based on this erroneous conversion factor since 10 April 2017, it is suggested you review these patients as soon as possible.

[Find out more >>](#)

HIV Testing Week

Around 40% of the HIV diagnoses in NSW are made by GPs, who may make one or two HIV diagnoses in their career.



To end HIV transmission in NSW by 2020, HIV testing is easier than ever. Patient 'informed consent' is all that is required to test for HIV; pre-test counselling is no longer required.

GPs also have the support of the NSW HIV Support Program who offer individual assistance to GPs at that critical time of making a diagnosis.

[Find out more >>](#)



Get Healthy Service

The Get Healthy Information and Coaching Service® (Get Healthy Service) is a FREE telephone service staffed by university qualified health coaches aimed at supporting adults to make lifestyle changes regarding healthy eating, physical activity and how to reach and maintain a healthy weight.

The Get Healthy Service have simplified their [referral form](#).

[Find out more >>](#)

Foods That Do Good

Pre-diabetes: a catalyst for positive lifestyle change

A diagnosis of pre-diabetes can be that window of opportunity for health professionals to help patients prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes by supporting them to make necessary lifestyle changes shown to reduce the risk of developing the condition.



[Find out more >>](#)



Make Healthy Normal

We are living in an environment where being unhealthy has become normal. Over half of adults and more than one in five children in NSW are overweight or obese, increasing their risk of heart disease, cancer, stroke and type 2 diabetes later in life.

The good news? It's never too late to make a change for yourself or your family. We need to change normal. We need to make healthy normal.

[Find out more >>](#)

Practitioner Changes and New Contact Details

Balance Podiatry now open at Orana Mall Shopping Centre, Dubbo.
Book online at www.balancepodiatry.com.au or call Bevan on (02) 6867 9410.
[Click here to download further details](#)

Konekt Orange is offering free Occupational Rehabilitation Services for all Workers Compensation Files across Central West NSW. They will coordinate and manage your Workers Compensation cases from beginning to end, from organising referrals, booking and attending appointments, development of Return to Work Plans, and provide supporting evidence for Certificates of Capacity. For more information contact **Nick Pellinkhof** on **0409 644 528** or npellinkhof@Konekt.com.au
[Download flyer with full details.](#)
[Click here to make a referral.](#)

Training and Events

WNSW PHN organises regular CPD events for doctors and health professionals. These are listed on our website. Upcoming events organised or supported by WNSW PHN include:

- [Dementia and Palliative Care](#) - 23 June, Dubbo
- [Hepatitis C and Fatty Liver Disease Update](#) - 27 June, Dubbo
- [Rural Generalist Medical Training Program](#) - 6 July, Orange
- [2nd Annual National PHN Conference](#) - 8 and 9 July, Cairns
- [Immunisation Update](#) - 18 July, Broken Hill
- [Medico Masterclass - Current Orthopaedic Controversies](#) - 19 July, Orange
- [Medico Masterclass - Glaucoma](#) - 8 August, Mudgee
- [GP Education Day](#) - 26 August, Orange
- [12th National Allied Health Conference](#) - 26 to 29 August, Sydney
- [Medico Masterclass - Haematology](#) - 30 August, Orange
- [COPD Education Session](#) - 31 August, Dubbo
- [Oncofertility Symposium](#) - 31 August, Sydney
- [AIDA Conference 2017](#) - 20 to 23 September, Hunter Valley
- [Rural Medicine Australia Annual Conference \(RMA17\)](#) - 19 to 21 October, Melbourne

- [First Trimester Screening \(including NIPT\)](#) - free and online

[Full events calendar >>](#)

The WNSW PHN's Aboriginal motif was created by Wiradjuri artist Lewis Burns.

It's a story of living off the land. A strong flowing river provides fresh, clean water for those living beside it in camps. At campfires, people cook from the earth, with abundant natural foods they've hunted and gathered. As a community, people respect the earth and their country, united in a healthy lifestyle.



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We acknowledge that we work on the traditional lands of many Aboriginal clans, tribes and nations. We commit to working in collaboration with our region's Aboriginal communities and peoples to improve their health, emotional and social wellbeing in the spirit of partnership.



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