



PRIMARY HEALTH NEWS

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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>>](#)

Western NSW Integrated Care Strategy - EOI Third Wave Demonstrator Sites

The Western NSW Integrated Care Strategy (ICS) is seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from interested parties to participate in the ICS as a third wave demonstrator site.

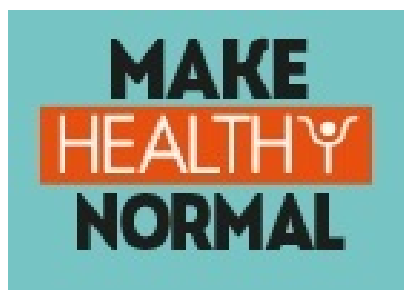


EOIs close on Tuesday 13 June 2017.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Louise Robinson, Program Manager Integrated Care on (02) 6809 8717, or email louise.robinson@health.nsw.gov.au.

[Download EOI >>](#)

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 make healthy normal.

[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 >>](#)



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 >>](#)

Bowel Cancer Awareness Month

Bowel Cancer is Australia's second biggest cancer killer. Bowel Cancer Awareness Month is an annual initiative running throughout the month of June. It has a positive message – saving lives through early detection – as bowel cancer is one of the most treatable types of cancer if found early.



[Find out more >>](#)

Overcome evaluation challenges



The Sax Institute has a new Evaluate program which is designed to help decision makers understand the value, impact and outcome of their policies and programs.

If your role is in policy making or designing and delivering programs and services, this program can help you address real-world problems in real time.

[Find out more >>](#)

Sydney Oncofertility Symposium

Oncofertility is a subfield that bridges oncology and reproductive services to explore and expand options for the reproductive future of cancer patients.



Jointly funded by the Kids Cancer Alliance and the Translational Cancer Research Network on oncofertility care, you are invited to attend a free symposium on Thursday 31 August 2017.

[Find out more >>](#)

Events and Training

Upcoming events organised or supported by WNSW PHN include:

- [Palliative Care Western Education Tour](#) - 9 June, Baradine
- [Palliative Care Western Education Tour](#) - 9 June, Coonabarabran
- [Psychiatry Workshop](#) - 13 June, Coffs Harbour
- [Media Risk Management In General Practice](#) - 14 June, Bathurst

- [Media Risk Management In General Practice](#) - 15 June, Dubbo
- [Medico Masterclass - Current Orthopaedic Controversies](#) - 16 June, Forbes
- [Optimising Hepatitis C Treatment and Care](#) - 19 June, Orange
- [Psychiatry Workshop \(Coffs Harbour\)](#) - 19 June
- [Dementia and Palliative Care](#) - 19 June, Blacktown
- [Dementia and Palliative Care](#) - 20 June, Bathurst
- [Eye care in-service for Primary Health Care Workers](#) (Dubbo) - 19-20 June
- [Medico Masterclass - Palliative Care Update on Symptom Management](#) - 20 June, Mudgee
- [Dementia and Palliative Care](#) - 21 June, Parkes
- [Dementia and Palliative Care](#) - 22 June, Orange
- [Emergency Medicine and Education Training](#) - 22 June, Wellington
- [Dementia and Palliative Care](#) - 23 June, Dubbo
- [HIV & STI Testing Update](#) - 26 June, Orange
- [Hepatitis C and Fatty Liver Disease Update](#) - 27 June, Dubbo
- [GP Synergy Fusion Workshop](#) - 21-23 June, Sydney
- [Rural Generalist Medical Training Program](#) - 6-7 July, Orange
- [2nd Annual National PHN Conference](#) - 8-9 July, Cairns
- [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](#) - 26-29 August, Sydney
- [Medico Masterclass - Haematology](#) - 30 August, Orange
- [Oncofertility Symposium](#) - 31 August, Sydney

Visit our [website](#) for a full list of events in your area



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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