



General Practice Resource Newsletter

November 2020

Welcome to the General Practice Resources, keeping you and your practice up to date with the latest information from government, associations in the Primary Health Space.

The following includes information on:

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The Month Ahead:

1 Nov – 30 Nov	November	November
1 Nov – 30 Nov	Lung Cancer Awareness Month	Lung Foundation Australia
1 Nov – 30 Nov	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month	Pancreatic Cancer Action
8 Nov – 14 Nov	NAIDOC Week	NAIDOC
8 Nov – 14 Nov	Perinatal Depression & Anxiety Week	PANDA
8 Nov – 14 Nov	Psychology Week	Psychweek
18 Nov	World COPD Day	Lung Foundation Australia
19 Nov	International Mens Day	International Mens Day
25 Nov	International Day of Elimination of Violence against Women	UNESCO
25 Nov – 10 Dec	16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence	UN Women

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

On February 27, the Prime Minister escalated the Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for COVID-19.

The WNSW PHN Website is updated daily with the latest information, including Information Lines, Self-Quarantine Guidelines, Patient Care and printable resources for GP's and ED's, as well as links to the Department of Health, NSW Health, RACGP, WHO and more.

<https://www.wnswphn.org.au/coronavirus>

➤ **COVID-19 Temporary MBS Telehealth Services Fact Sheets**

Following the announcement that temporary MBS Telehealth items have been extended until the end of March 2021, the Commonwealth Department of Health has released a comprehensive set of Fact Sheets, including for GPs, Specialists, Mental Health, Obstetrics and Midwifery, Allied Health and other services.

[Access the COVID-19 Temporary MBS Telehealth Services Fact Sheets Here](#)

[Access the Telehealth Bulk Billing Arrangements Information here](#)

[Access the MBS Quick Guide here](#)

[Access the Telehealth Guide here](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

➤ **WNSW PHN Immunisation Sites Resource update**

Developed by Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network and Murrumbidgee Local Health District, the 2020 Recommended Sites for Childhood Vaccinations in NSW Resource is now available through WNSW PHN. .

[Access the Immunisation Sites Resource here](#)

➤ **Avant Mutual NSW Practice Manager Resources**

New resources have been released by Avant Mutual for Practice Managers, covering Medical Observers, essential Medical Records information and how to end a doctor-patient relationship.

[Access the Medical Observers Factsheet here](#)

[Access the Medical Records Factsheet here](#)

[Access the How to End the Doctor-Patient Relationship Factsheet here](#)

➤ **Cancer Institute NSW Research Invitation**

The Cancer Institute NSW is seeking General Practitioners (GPs) from regional/rural NSW, who have some experience using Canrefer, to participate in an evaluation survey.

Participants will be asked to participate in a 30-minute interview for which they will be reimbursed via a \$100 gift voucher. We would expect to conduct the interview within the next two weeks.

[Download the Information Flyer here](#)

➤ **University of Melbourne Cancer Research Invitation**

The University of Melbourne, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), Australian Association of Practice Management (AAPM), Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) and the VCS Foundation have undertaken a project for the Commonwealth Department of Health to understand how the primary healthcare workforce engages with the national cancer screening programs (bowel, breast and cervical). Findings from this study have led to the development of communication materials to assist in boosting participation, education and engagement.

Recognising the importance of the whole clinic in improving cancer screening, you're invited to participate in a focus group discussion (via Zoom) to review and provide feedback on the developed communication materials. The focus group discussions will occur in early December, with all participants receiving a \$50 gift card for their time.

Interested in participating or want to know more?

Contact Kristi Milley, National Manager at the University of Melbourne: kristi.milley@unimelb.edu.au or 0411 873 253

➤ **Western NSW Collaborative Pairs Program Now Open**

WNSW PHN looking to recruit consumers and health professionals/ clinicians who have an interest in the following areas:

- Respiratory illness
- Diabetes (The Sugars)
- Mental health and suicide prevention
- First 2000 days
- After hours care

The aim of the program is to help consumers and health service providers work together to improve health care in Western NSW.

We are partnering again with Consumer Health Forum to deliver a new round of Collaborative Pairs and would like the pairs to be involved in Co-Commissioning and other projects being delivered by our PHN.

To read more about this program, please go to <https://wnswphn.org.au/resources/collaborative-pairs>

[Download the Application Form](#)

WEBINARS

Name	Date	About	Link	Cost
Acne Management, Osteoporosis, Contraceptive Pill, Premature Menopause, Troubleshooting Common IUD Issues	Tuesday November 3 at 7pm	Acne Management and Update – Prof Rodney Sinclair Clinical Cases in Osteoporosis – Prof Ego Seeman Contraceptive Pill – Which Pill for the Right Person – Dr Terri Foran Premature Menopause – A/Prof John Eden Troubleshooting Common IUD Issues in General Practice – A/Prof Deborah Bateson	Register here	Free
Vaporised Nicotine for Smoking Cessation	Wednesday November 4 at 7pm	In Australia, the use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) – commonly called vaping - remains controversial, however, three Australian medical colleges have now given support to ENDS for smoking cessation in cases where other treatments have failed.	Register here	Free
Far West Desktop Scenario: COVID-19 Outbreak in Aged Care – Balranald	Wednesday November 11 at 6:30pm (AEDT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify key stakeholders, roles, responses and management in an aged care COVID outbreak • Recognise the localised care pathways for a resident or staff member COVID case • Explore the complexities of COVID-19 and the importance of a team approach to care 	Register here	Free
GP Masterclass: Skin Cancer – Dermoscopy and Practical Management Options	Wednesday November 11 at 7:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify clinical features of benign and malignant lesions to enable further triage and management • Identify basic dermatoscopic features of benign and malignant lesions • Outline the differences in topical and physical management options available for the most commonly seen lesions 	Register Here	Free

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Advance Care Planning in a Pandemic	Thursday November 12 at 7pm	This case-based COVID-19 update will focus on Advance Care Planning (ACP). It will cover COVID-19 ACP considerations for patients who are vulnerable and/or have impaired decision-making abilities, the importance of updating ACPs, what palliative care looks like for a COVID-19 patient and exploration of relevant HealthPathway links and resources. This session will also address the importance of delivering culturally appropriate care in this challenging time and will conclude with a panel discussion and interactive Q&A session.	Register here	Free

REMINDERS

➤ QI PIP

WNSW PHN looks forward to seeing Practices during the current PIP Quarter to continue working on your Quality Improvement. You can contact us anytime for QI support. For inspiration head to <https://help.pencs.com.au/display/CR> for Pen Cat recipes.

RESOURCES

Please click on this link to our website to view all the latest information relating to General Practice:

<https://www.wnswphn.org.au/support/GP-Resources-Newsletter>