



General Practice Resource Newsletter

August 2021

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 August – 31 August	Tradies National Health Month	Australian Physiotherapy Association
1 August – 7 August	World Breastfeeding Week	Australian Breastfeeding Association
1 August – 7 August	Homelessness Week	Homelessness Australia
2 August – 8 August	National Stroke Week	Stroke Foundation
2 August – 8 August	Dental Health Week	Australian Dental Association
4 August	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day	Aboriginal Children's Day
8 August	Dying to Know Day	The Groundswell Project
9 August	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	United Nations
12 August	International Youth Day	United Nations
13 August	Red Nose Day	Red Nose Day
17 August – 23 August	Healthy Bones Action Week	Dairy Australia
22 August – 28 August	Speech Pathology Week	Speech Pathology Australia
23 August – 29 August	Wound Awareness Week	Wound Aware
27 August	Daffodil Day	Daffodil Day
27 August	Tracky Dack Day	Tracky Dack Day
31 August	Overdose Awareness Day	Overdose Day

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The WNSW PHN Website is regularly updated 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>

<https://www.wnswphn.org.au/covid19vaccinations>

[Download the WNSW PHN COVID-19 Vaccination Matters Quick Contact Guide here](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Bulletin 22 July 2021](#)

[Public Health Amendment \(COVID-19 – No 6\) Order 2021](#)

[Public Health Amendment \(COVID-19 – No 13\) Order 2021](#)

➤ **Clinical Alert: TTS Update (August 4)**

NSW Health has issued the following Clinical Alert on Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome and is essential information for every GP.

[Download the NSW Health Clinical Alert here](#)

➤ **COVID-19 MBS Telehealth Services**

[Download the COVID-19 Temporary MBS Telehealth Services Factsheet here](#)

[Download the MBS Quick Guide to COVID-19 Items \(updated July 2021\) here](#)

[Download the MBS Quick Guide \(updated July 2021\) here](#)

➤ **NCIRS: COVID-19 vaccination – Summary for Immunisation Providers**

Released on July 25, 2021, This guide is intended as a summary to assist immunisation providers with the latest information and key guidance relating to the COVID-19 vaccination program.

[Download the Guide here](#)

➤ **COVID-19 Vaccines for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander People affected by Cancer FAQs**

Cancer Australia has released updated FAQs on COVID-19 Vaccines for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander People affected by Cancer.

[Download the FAQ Resource here](#)

➤ **Supporting the Mental Health of Children and Families During a Pandemic**

Emerging Minds has developed a range of resources, including videos, fact sheets, podcasts and guides, including practical tips on how to help children and families cope during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Using play to support children during the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#)

[Helping children cope with stress during the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#)

[Access the Supporting Children's Mental Health During a Pandemic Toolkit here](#)

[Emerging Minds COVID-19 Resources Summary](#)

➤ **Australian Immunisation Register Mandatory Reporting Requirements**

The Australian Government has released the following key updates for the mandatory reporting requirements to report all National Immunisation Program (NIP) vaccines to the Australian Immunisation Register AIR).

Mandatory reporting of vaccinations to the AIR commenced in February 2021 for:

- COVID-19 vaccines administered on or after 20 February 2021; and
- influenza vaccinations administered on or after 1 March 2021

Further legislative changes mean that from 1 July 2021, vaccination providers are now also required to report all NIP vaccines administered to the AIR.

[Find more information here](#)

➤ **Webinar: COVID-19 vaccination update: fighting the Delta variant**

Recorded on July 22 2021, Associate Professor Nicholas Wood, Associate Director, Clinical Research and Services, NCIRS Senior Staff Specialist as he discusses COVID-19 vaccines risks and benefits and the conversations GPs need to be having with their patients.

You will also hear practical tips and insights from local GPs on how they run their vaccination clinic, and from a RN on how they are running their nurse led clinics and drawing up vaccines.

[View the Webinar here](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

➤ **Changes to the RACGP Standards for General Practices: 5th Edition**

On occasion, the RACGP make changes to the Standards for general practice to remain current with external policies, innovations, or member feedback. If you're currently preparing for an upcoming accreditation cycle, this information may impact your practice.

[Changes to the RACGP Standards for general practices \(5th edition\)](#)

➤ **PenCS Launches Foxo App as part of TopBar**

PenCS has recently launched the inclusion of Foxo App as part of its TopBar application. This is NOT covered by your Data Sharing Agreement with WNSW PHN. As per our existing Data Sharing Agreement no identifiable data is shared with PenCS or WNSW PHN. If you or your staff, with access to TopBar, choose to set up an account with Foxo App.

The consent diagram demonstrated consent and when your data leaves your practice to PenCS. You will not only be consenting to share your clinical data with PenCS but you will need to ensure that you ask each patient their consent for their data to be shared with PenCS. Note that WNSWPHN is not involved with Foxo App and is not supportive of any patient data leaving a practice that is not covered by our Data Sharing Agreement.

[Download the TopBar Consent Diagram here](#)

➤ **Clozapine Information for GPs**

Western NSW Local Health District and ClopineCentral have developed new information for local GPs to assist in the prescribing of Clozapine for patients.

[Clopine Shared Care Booklet](#)

[Clopine GP Shared Care Guide](#)

[Clopine Protocol Information](#)

[Clopine Cardiac Monitoring Guide](#)

[Clopine Haematological Monitoring Guide](#)

[WNSWLHD Clozapine Initiation, Monitoring and Management Guide](#)

➤ **Updated NACCHO Health Assessment MD Templates**

Train IT Medical has updated the following NACCHO Health Assessment Templates for Medical Director:

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HA 0-4 years MD](#)

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HA 5-12 years MD](#)

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HA 12-24 years MD](#)

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HA 25-49 years MD](#)

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HA 50+ years MD](#)

➤ **NDSS Registrations**

Practices are able to register their diabetic patients on the National Diabetes Services Scheme to enable their patients to understand and self-manage their life with diabetes and access services, support and subsidised diabetes products.

[NDSS Registration Information](#)

[NDSS Registration Form](#)

➤ **Bush Support Line**

The Bush Support Line is a high-quality, free, confidential, 24/7 telephone support line for the current and emerging rural and remote health workforce, and their families. It's free, operates 24/7 and you can ring any-time to speak with an experienced psychologist.

[Access the CRANA plus Bush Support Line information here](#)

➤ **PenCS Awards**

Pen CS has launched the inaugural Pen CS Awards to recognise excellence in data-driven quality improvement in General Practice and Aboriginal Medical Services, by using health informatics.

Nominations are now open and close on 16 August 2021.

[Download the Flyer and Nomination Information here](#)

➤ **Survey: Improvements to the National Cervical Screening Program Self-Collection Policy**

In May 2021, the Medical Services Advisory Committee recommended to government that self-collection be expanded to be offered as a choice to all people eligible for cervical screening. A government decision on this recommendation is awaited, but the change could potentially be introduced sometime in 2022. At present, the self-collection pathway is available to under and never screened people aged 30 and over who meet strict eligibility criteria with the test being offered in a consultation by a cervical screening provider.

The University of Melbourne is conducting a short online survey as part of its role to guide the rollout of proposed policy changes. The survey takes around 5 minutes to complete.

[Access the survey here](#)

➤ **Black Dog Institute: Supporting Healthcare Professionals**

As restrictions in most states continue, to help support healthcare professionals, Black Dog Institute is refreshing its COVID-19 resources by writing two new articles every week.

Most recent articles include:

- [How parents can cope with home schooling - again](#)
- [Keeping kids safe on screens during lockdown](#)
- [Long, lonely lockdown: dealing with separation anxiety](#)

[Access TEN – The Essential Network for Health Professionals here](#)

➤ **General Practice Support Tool Kit for Hepatitis C**

Eliminate Hepatitis C Australia (EC Australia) has developed the General Practice Support Toolkit for primary care providers, including general practitioners, nurse practitioners, nurses, as well as allied health professionals with the aim to support primary care practices to achieve elimination of hepatitis C.

[Access the NSW General Practice Support Toolkit for Hepatitis C here](#)

➤ **AIR Authentication File Access Closed from September 30.**

All Immunisation Providers are reminded that the Authentication file access to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) is being closed to all provider types on 30 September 2021. More information is available via Services Australia or NCIRS.

[HPOS: Supporting Providers Information](#)

[PRODA: How to Register an Organisation Information](#)

[PRODA: Adding and linking to HPOS for AIR Information](#)

➤ **NDIS Partners in the Community Quick Guide for WNSW PHN Region**

NDIS Partners in the Community are community-based organisations that work with the NDIA to deliver the NDIS. Partners provide Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) and Local Area Coordination (LAC) services.

[Download the WNSW PHN NDIS Partners in the Community Quick Contact Guide here](#)

➤ **APNA: CVC Education**

APNA is working in conjunction with the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to provide practice nurses, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Workers and community nurses (RN or EN who is employed by a DVA contracted Community Nursing provider to provide community nursing services) with free education to help them deliver the best possible care to their patients enrolled in the Coordinated Veterans' Care (CVC) Program.

[Find more information here](#)

➤ **Helping GPs manage the care of Mental Health Consumers**

The GP Psychiatry Support Line is a free service to GPs to help manage the care of mental health consumers and helping to keep consumers whose conditions are able to be treated within primary care under the care of their GP.

[Access GP Psychiatry Support Line information here](#)

[Access GP Psychiatry Support Line Webinar series here](#)

➤ **CHF Mental Health Consumer Special Interest Group**

The Consumer Health Forum of Australia mental health consumers and carers wanting to help shape mental health care policies and advocacy to join the CHF Mental Health Consumer Special Interest Group.

[Access the Expression of Interest Form on the CHF Website](#)

➤ **Webinar: Introducing Medicare Web Services**

As part of BP Learning's Be In The Know series, "Preparing for the introduction of Medicare Web Services/PRODA" was presented in July.

[View the webinar here](#)

WEBINARS

Name	Date	About	Link	Cost
Practice Efficiency: Trends and Opportunities	Tuesday 10 August 2021 from 5:30pm	COVID immunisation rollouts, changes in government compliance and increased patient demands are placing increasing pressure on doctors to manage their time. How can GPs streamline consults and find efficiencies, while giving patients the attention they need?	Register here	Free
Prescribing HIV Prevention to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Patients	Tuesday 10 August 2021 at 7pm	This training provides participants with practical skills and increased confidence to offer and prescribe PrEP in a culturally appropriate way to CALD patients at risk of HIV. The training will also include a patient's experience of accessing sexual health care.	Register here	Free
Building Trauma Awareness	Thursday 12 August 2021 from 8:45am	The Building Trauma Awareness webinar has been designed to provide information on understanding trauma and its impacts, to offer space for professionals to self-reflect on wellbeing, remember the importance of relationships in healing and provide knowledge and space for reflection.	Register here	Free
Connecting in Broken Hill	Saturday 14 August 2021 from 11:00am	This exciting interactive workshop will allow participants to learn, connect and create.	Register here	RACGP Members \$150 Non-Members \$200
Reproductive and Sexual Health in the Australian Context for Doctors International Medical Graduates	Monday 16 August & Tuesday 17 August 2021	This course is designed for overseas trained doctors with limited experience in reproductive and sexual health in the Australian setting. The course provides up to date information on reproductive and sexual health in Australia to improve your knowledge and confidence in this topic area.	Register Here	\$1,200
First 2000 Days - Early childhood health	Tuesday 17 August 2021 from 12:00pm	The Sydney Institute for Women, Children and their Families is proud to present a series of educational webinars relating to the first 2000 days.	Register Here	Free

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Practice Matters: OTP in Primary Care	Wednesday 18 August 2021 from 7:00pm	Are you a GP, work in general practice or another part of the health system? Come along to our free webinar on providing opioid treatment in primary care.	Register Here	Free
Asthma and COPD – They Do Overlap	Thursday 19 August 2021 from 7:30pm	This 1-hour session provides an overview of asthma, COPD and identifies asthma-COPD overlap, including current evidence-based management using both the Australian Asthma Handbook and the COPD-X Guidelines. It includes diagnosis, management, medications, and the importance of action plans for self-management is discussed.	Register Here	Free
Prescribing HIV Prevention to Aboriginal Patients	Tuesday 24 August 2021 at 7pm	This training provide participants with practical skills and increased confidence to offer and prescribe PrEP in a culturally appropriate way to patients at risk of HIV and who identify as Aboriginal. The training is designed for GPs working in AMSs and in General Practice. The training will also include a patient's experience of accessing sexual health care.	Register Here	Free
New MBS Items for Allied Health & Mental Health Services in Residential Aged Care Facilities	Tuesday 24 August 2021 from 7:25pm	Join the presenters to explore appropriate service streams for RACF residents for allied and mental health services and to discuss benefits of care coordination.	Register Here	Free
The A-Z of Managing Heart Failure in Primary Care	Wednesday 25 August 2021 from 7:30pm	A combination of plenary presentations and interactive workshops led by a Cardiologist/GP duo addressing the need for earlier intervention in the management of symptomatic heart failure and its implementation in primary care.	Register Here	Free
Find the Fracture Webinar	Tuesday 31 August 2021 from 7:00pm	The Find the Fracture workshop and learn practical skills and management tips from local experts in osteoporosis, in order to reduce the risk of further fractures.	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.wnswhn.org.au/support/GP-Resources-Newsletter>