



# General Practice Resource Newsletter

## February 2022

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 Feb – 28 Feb	Red Feb	<a href="#">Heart Research Australia</a>
1 Feb – 28 Feb	FebFast	<a href="#">FebFast</a>
1 Feb – 28 Feb	Feel Good February	<a href="#">Feel Good Feb</a>
1 Feb – 28 Feb	Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month	<a href="#">Ovarian Cancer Australia</a>
7 Feb – 13 Feb	Feeding Tube Awareness Week	<a href="#">AusEE Inc.</a>
8 Feb – 14 Feb	Tinnitus Awareness Week	<a href="#">Tinnitus Australia</a>
14 Feb	Sweetheart Day	<a href="#">HeartKids</a>
14 Feb	National Condom Day	<a href="#">Sexual Health and Family Planning Australia</a>
18 Feb	International Asperger's Day	<a href="#">Empower Autism</a>
24 Feb	Teal Ribbon Day	<a href="#">Ovarian Cancer Australia</a>
28 Feb	Rare Diseases Day	<a href="#">Rare Diseases Day</a>

## Digital Health Update

In this month's Digital Health Update:

- Inca Integrated Care Platform
- National Authentication Service for Health Public Key Infrastructure
- Continuing MBS Telehealth Services

[WNSW PHN Digital Health Update February 2022](#)

# 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>

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

[COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Manual \(October 2021\)](#)

[Handling consent refusal by people presenting for vaccination](#)

[COVID -19 in Children: Resources for Primary Care](#)

[Emergency department assessment and management of COVID-19 in adults \(Delta variant\) NSW quick reference guide](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccines in Australia – Comparison Poster](#)

[Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Primary Care Update – Jan 14 2022](#)

## ➤ **COVID-19 MBS Telehealth Services**

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

[MBS Quick Guide to COVID-19 Items \(updated February 2022\)](#)

[MBS Quick Guide \(updated February 2022\)](#)

[RACGP MBS Aged Care guide \(updated September 2021\)](#)

[MBS Factsheet - Continuing MBS Telehealth Services](#)

[MBS COVID-19 telehealth 'existing relationship' requirement - Clarification of exemptions](#)

## ➤ **RACGP COVID-19 Update Webinar – Watch on Demand**

The RACGP NSW COVID-19 update webinar held on Monday 10 January is available to view now, along with the webinar's presentation slides and the Q&A session.

[View the RACGP NSW COVID-19 update held on Monday 10 January here](#)

[RACGP NSW COVID-19 update 10 January slides](#)

[RACGP NSW COVID-19 update 10 January Q&A Summary](#)

## ➤ **Kindness During a Pandemic**

The Pandemic Kindness Movement was created by clinicians across Australia, working together to support all health workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The NSW Government Agency for Clinical Innovation has curated respected, evidence-informed resources and links to valuable services to support the wellbeing of the health workforce.

[Pandemic Kindness Movement](#)

## ➤ **Quarantine and Self-isolation: Pay and Leave**

Find out what pay and leave options are available to employees who need to quarantine or self-isolate because of coronavirus by referring to the latest information from the Australian Government Fair Work Ombudsman.

[Quarantine and self-isolation: pay and leave Information](#)

## ➤ **On-site assessments under the NGPA Scheme**

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has released information regarding the continuation of on-site assessments under the National General Practice Accreditation (NGPA) Scheme in the current COVID-19 Pandemic.

[On-site assessments under the NGPA Scheme Information](#)

## ➤ **COVID-19 Vaccine Reports in CAT**

Three new COVID-19 reports are coming to CAT, to help you manage and track booster doses and immunocompromised patients:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Dosage Administration Report](#) - audit COVID-19 Vaccines given at the practice.
- [COVID-19 Booster Dose Report](#) - identify patients who are eligible for the COVID-19 Booster dose.
- [Immunocompromised Report](#) - find immunocompromised patients for recall and track their vaccination status.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## ➤ **SafeScript NSW, Coming Soon to WNSW PHN**

Prescribers and pharmacists in the WNSW PHN region will have access to SafeScript NSW from May 2022, as part of a phased statewide rollout.

[SafeScript NSW, Coming Soon to WNSW PHN News Release](#)

## ➤ **NSW Health Lumos Information Presentations**

NSW Health has released two new videos on Lumos from the perspective of GPs as a support tool for Practice Management.

[NSW Health Video – Lumos in Action](#)

[NSW Health Video – GP Information](#)

➤ **WNSW PHN Pain Management ECHO Network – Commences March 8**

Project ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is a collaborative model of medical education, case discussion and peer learning. GPs and other healthcare professionals can access evidence-based, multidisciplinary information for their patients with pain issues from a panel of experts as well as their peers.

This five-session series commences from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022, with the following 4 dates to be confirmed shortly.

[WNSW PHN Pain Management ECHO Network Information](#)

➤ **Engage Patients in their Health Care with My Health Notebook**

[My Health Notebook](#) is a new tool developed by WNSW PHN's health literacy team to help people engage more fully in their healthcare. The personal health journal is a place people can jot notes, questions and keep record of things to tell their GP in one handy place. The journal is also a great tool for GPs to start discussions about managing medications, health checks and screening, health support services, and My Health Record.

[Contact our health literacy project officers](#), Kath and Karen, for more information, to get your copy and/or to get copies for your patients.

## WEBINARS and EVENTS

Name	Date	About	Link	Cost
General Practice In A Rapidly Changing World	Wednesday, 2nd February 6.30pm	Tonic founder, Dr Norman Swan (Host of ABC Radio Nationals Health Report and Coronacast), is hosting a 60min webinar & QA session with expert panellists, discussing COVID in General Practice, what is coming next and what GPs and their staff can do to adapt to the multiple demands and changing variants.	<a href="#"><u>Register here</u></a>	Free
Diagnosing and managing skin cancer: The nurses' role	Tuesday 15 February from 1:00pm	Hosted by Melanoma Institute Australia, this new quarterly webinar series will help you access current, evidence-based information that is relevant to your practice.	<a href="#"><u>Register here</u></a>	Free
WNSWPHN Pain Management ECHO Network	Starts March 8, 2022	Project ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is a collaborative model of medical education, case discussion and peer learning. GPs and other healthcare professionals can access evidence-based, multidisciplinary information for their patients with pain issues from a panel of experts as well as their peers.	<a href="#"><u>Register here</u></a>	Free

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## 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>