



General Practice Resource Newsletter

July 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.

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The Month Ahead:

1 July – 31 July	Dry July	Dry July
1 July – 31 July	JuIEYE	RANZCO
4 July – 11 July	NAIDOC Week	NAIDOC
14 July – 20 July	National Diabetes Week	Diabetes Australia
15 July – 21 July	National Wound Awareness Week	AWMA
22 July – 28 July	National Pain Week	Chronic Pain Australia
24 July	Stress Down Day	Lifeline
26 July	Crazy Hair Day	Cystic Fibrosis Australia
28 July	World Hepatitis Day	World Hepatitis Alliance
28 July – 4 August	Donate Life Week	Donate Life
30 July	Gastroschisis Awareness Day	Avery Angels

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>

➤ COVID-19 MBS Telehealth Services

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

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

➤ GPs offered MBS item for home visits to vaccinate vulnerable patients

GPs can now claim an extra \$56.75 for making home visits to vaccinate the elderly or patients with disabilities against COVID-19.

[Read the full story here](#)

➤ Updated COVID-19 Vaccination Resources

New In-Depth Patient Assessment for a COVID-19 Vaccine

On 18 June 2021, the Australian Government introduced two new MBS items (10660 and 10661) to support general practitioners and other medical practitioners. The two new MBS items provide in-depth clinical assessments of patients aged 50 years and over. This is in regard to the patient's individual health risks and benefits associated with receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

[Download the COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Primary Care Update \(June 22\) here](#)

COVID Vaccination Allocations Horizons

This document was provided to state and territory health CEOs by the Coordinator General of the National COVID Vaccine Taskforce on 19 June and outlines the National Vaccination Allocation Horizons by state and territory.

The vaccination program will ramp up to deliver first doses of the vaccine to Australians by December 2021.

[Access the COVID Vaccination Allocations Horizons document here](#)

[Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Resources - Provider Kit](#)

[Phase 1B General Practice Vaccine Rollout Information](#)

[Phase 1B General Practice Vaccine Rollout Information Bulletin](#)

[Access the Department of Health COVID-19 Information Resources here](#)

➤ **NSW PHN COVID-19 Vaccination Matters Quick Contact Guide**

NSW PHN has developed a new Quick-Contact Guide for all matters relating to COVID-19 Vaccinations.

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

➤ **Updated ATAGI Resources**

June 23: The experts at the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) have updated their advice to recommend the Pfizer vaccine for adults aged under 60. Previously, ATAGI advised the Pfizer vaccine was preferred for adults aged under 50. This updated advice is based on new evidence demonstrating a higher risk than originally thought of the rare blood-clotting condition, thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS), in the 50-59 year-old age group.

[Access the English and CALD factsheets here](#)

June 17: The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has recommended the Pfizer vaccine as the preferred vaccine for those aged 16 to 59 years.

[Read the ATAGI statement on revised recommendations on the use of COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca here](#)

Australia's Chief Medical Officer, Professor Paul Kelly has responded to the updated COVID-19 vaccine advice from ATAGI.

[Read the Statement from the Chief Medical Officer here](#)

June 18: ATAGI has also updated the clinical guidance on COVID-19 Vaccinations in Australia.

[Read the ATAGI clinical guidance on COVID-19 vaccine in Australia in 2021 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.

Two of these resources have also been translated into 18 different languages.

- [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](#)

➤ **ACSQHC COVID-19 & Face Masks information for Consumers**

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has released updated COVID-19 and Face Masks information for consumers.

[Download the ACSQHC COVID-19 and Face Masks Information for Consumers here](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

➤ Nurses working in primary care – training opportunity

We acknowledge and value that nurses working in primary care are at the frontline of the health care system and the frontline providers of mental health services. The Australian College of Mental Health Nurses has developed a fantastic e-learning program targeted at practice nurses to support their provision of mental health services.

This mental health eLearning program addresses identification, screening, assessment, and care planning, to enable nurses to incorporate mental health knowledge and skills into everyday practice.

Registration is free at <https://www.acmhn.scodle.com/index.html>

➤ CDM Improving Health Outcomes for Patients with Diabetes Using CATPlus

Watch Western NSW PHN and Pen CS training session to learn how to use CAT Plus for Quality Improvement activities in your practice, for the prevention and management of diabetes.

[View the Chronic Disease Management with CAT Plus training session here](#)

➤ Fair Work Commission Annual Wage Review 2021 Update

The Fair Work Commission's Minimum Wage Panel (FWC) handed down its decision on the annual wage review on June 16.

The decision provides an increase of 2.5% to the National Minimum Wage, effective from the first full pay period after 1 July 2021. However, similar to the decision in 2020, taking into consideration the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the increases to modern award rates will be staggered. Modern awards have been grouped into three 'clusters', being lagging recovery, almost recovered, and fully recovered.

[Read the full update HERE](#) or visit the [AAPM website](#)

➤ HPOS Screenshots and Testing for Change of Ownership/RO

The Australian Digital Health Agency and WNSW PHN is seeking healthcare organisation to assist in testing the Change of Responsible Officer (RO) and Change of Ownership process soon to be available in HPOS.

[Change RO - screen shots;](#)

[Change Network Ownership - screen shots;](#)

[Change of Seed Ownership - screen shots;](#)

[Current vs future user journey](#)

Healthcare organisations that can assist with testing this in HPOS are urged to contact Jayanti Swarup (jayanti.swarup@digitalhealth.gov.au) at the Agency as soon as possible.

➤ Men's Cancer Guide – Cancer Council

In the lead up to last month's "Men's Health Week", the Cancer Council launched its new Men's Cancer Guide.

[Download the Men's Cancer Guide here](#)

➤ AMA CPD Tracker App on Topbar

Following changes to legislation in June, streamlining GPs access to Medicare, GPs access to Medicare will no longer be linked to RACGP or ACRRM membership.

AMA's CPD Tracker App, available on Topbar, complies with CPD Requirements monitored by the Medical Board of Australia (MBA). The App provides a personalised, trusted and accessible digital platform for doctors to take control of their learning opportunities and CPD requirements.

[Learn more about AMA CPD App on Topbar here](#)

DIGITAL HEALTH

➤ My Health Record Virtual Classroom Sessions

Interested in learning more about My Health Record and how to use it effectively in routine practice? Join the Australian Digital Health Agency's one-hour interactive sessions aimed at GPs and other specialists, practice managers, practice nurses, and Aboriginal health workers. Using a simulation platform, the sessions will be specific to a particular software.

The following sessions have been allocated two category 2 CPD activity points.

Software	Sessions	Registration link	
Best Practice	5 sessions	Register now	
MedicalDirector	5 sessions	Register now	
Genie	2 sessions	Register now	
Zedmed	2 sessions	Register now	
Communicare	2 sessions	Register now	
Topic		Sessions	Registration link
National Provider Portal		3 _	Register now
Understanding compliance requirements for accessing My Health Record: Practical tips for practice managers		3 _	Register now
Consistent data quality: Ensuring clinical safety standards for your general practice or Aboriginal medical service		3 _	Register now
New: Clinician Vaccine Integrated Platform education session for healthcare providers		7 _	Register now
New: My Health Record: A practical demonstration – Aged care case study		3 _	Register now
New: My Health Record: A practical demonstration – Aged care overview		3 _	Register now

WEBINARS

Name	Date	About	Link	Cost
Overcoming distress and workplace 'Drama'	Thursday 8 July 2021 from 2:00pm	The Australian Centre for Value-Based Health Care is pleased to bring you the next webinar in our webinar series on 'Overcoming distress and workplace 'Drama' through proven behavioural psychology techniques.'	Register here	Free
Drug & Alcohol GP Education	Thursday 8 July 2021 from 5:30pm	Essential information for primary care. High-quality primary care is an integral part of identification, support, and treatment of individuals with risk of/ dependent substance use.	Register here	Free
ABC of CBT: Skills for GPs (Broken Hill)	Saturday 10 July 2021 from 9:00am	Our new ABC of CBT provides GPs with a broad range of psychological skills readily applied in a general practice setting. Successful completion of the program also fulfils the criteria for FPS 2 accreditation allowing GPs to access Medicare item numbers for the delivery of Focussed Psychological Strategies.	Register here	Free
Reproductive and Sexual Health - Clinical Accreditation Program	This is a 20-week course commencing on 12 July 2021	This course is designed for nurses and midwives who wish to function in an extended clinical role as a practitioner in the specialty of reproductive and sexual health. It is suitable for those who are working, or wish to work in General Practice, Family Planning, Sexual Health, HIV/ AIDS, Women's Health, Drug and Alcohol, Gynaecology, Midwifery, Youth and Corrective Services.	Register here	\$1,840
FPAA National Certificate in Reproductive & Sexual Health for Doctors Theory	This is a six week course commencing on 12 July 2021	This course is the theory only component of the FPAA National Certificate in Reproductive and Sexual Health for Doctors. This blended learning course comprises self-paced online learning, interactive live case discussions, reflective learning, and assessment.	Register Here	\$2,420
Diagnosis, Treatment and Management of Chronic Oedema, Varicose Veins and Telangiectasia (Orange)	Wednesday 14 July 2021 from 6:00pm	a light supper, networking and an update on the diagnosis, treatment and management of chronic oedema, varicose veins and telangiectasia, presented by two local clinicians	Register Here	Free

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Delivering health care value through digital patient journeys	Thursday 15 July 2021 from 8:00am	Along with a senior executive from Intermountain Healthcare, Dr Josh Kellar MD, PhD, will describe the process of designing and implementing digital patient journeys at Intermountain Healthcare to deliver better patient outcomes and experiences at lower system cost.	Register Here	Free for AHHA Members
Common Problems in Gastroenterology and Hepatology (Dubbo)	Thursday 15 July 2021 from 6:30pm	This education session will explore common problems in gastroenterology and hepatology with a focus on abnormal liver enzymes, functional gastrointestinal disorders and identifying and treating patients with chronic liver disease.	Register Here	Free
Dementia care: Alzheimer villages and innovative models	Friday 16 July 2021 from 8:00am	As part of your registration, you will get access to an exclusive case study of the first French dementia village launched in May 2020, through a sequence of short videos, guiding you step by step, at your own pace.	Register Here	\$199
Wound Care in General Practice	Tuesday 20 July 2021 from 6:55pm	You are invited to participate in this two-part wound management webinar series, which is aimed at increasing knowledge and skills for managing patients with acute and chronic wounds. It will provide clarity on patient assessment, identification of patients that require referral and an opportunity to explore and identify the right dressing to optimise patient experience and outcomes.	Register Here	Free
Asthma Educators Course 2021	Thursday 22 July 2021 & Friday 23 July 2021	<p>A 2 day online live interactive course covering the latest advances in asthma management and care for Health Professionals.</p> <p>Taking an holistic approach, the course is presented by active experts and helps skill participants to be able to work effectively one on one with clients for effective management and health outcomes.</p>	Register Here	\$700
ABC of CBT: Skills for GPs (Broken Hill)	Saturday 24 July 2021 from 9:00am	Our new ABC of CBT provides GPs with a broad range of psychological skills readily applied in a general practice setting. Successful completion of the program also fulfils the criteria for FPS 2 accreditation allowing GPs to access Medicare item numbers for the delivery of Focussed Psychological Strategies.	Register Here	Free

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Wound Care in General Practice	Tuesday 27 July 2021 from 6:55pm	You are invited to participate in this two-part wound management webinar series, which is aimed at increasing knowledge and skills for managing patients with acute and chronic wounds. It will provide clarity on patient assessment, identification of patients that require referral and an opportunity to explore and identify the right dressing to optimise patient experience and outcomes.	Register Here	Free
Smoking Cessation Educators Course	Thursday 29 July 2021 & Friday 30 July 2021	<p>A 2 day evidence based course empowers professionals to treat and manage nicotine dependency.</p> <p>Taking an holistic approach using proven evidence based techniques, the course is presented by active experts and helps skill participants to be able to work effectively one on one with clients for effective nicotine management and health outcomes.</p>	Register Here	\$700
The interest of Kaiser Permanente's healthcare model	Thursday 29 July 2021 from 9:00am	Kaiser Permanente is one of the first fully integrated healthcare systems in the United States. By joining medical groups, hospitals and a health insurance provider, Kaiser Permanente is truly able to offer patient-centred care. The California-based organisation is at the forefront of what value-based healthcare will look like in the 21st century.	Register Here	\$299
Lipids in the limelight: clinical update on screening and management	Thursday 29 July 2021 at 8:00pm	Hosted by the Heart Foundation in partnership with the World Heart Federation, this webinar will explore the latest evidence around screening and management of high cholesterol for the reduction of CVD risk. The panel will explore the practical implementation of emerging evidence and tools and resources that can help improve the delivery of preventative CVD assessments in primary care.	Register Here	Free
A practical guide to alcohol home detox for GPs	Thursday August 5 2021 from 7pm	<p>Presented by Dr Chris Davis, a GP expert in providing primary care alcohol withdrawal and recovery services and Medical Director at Clean Slate Clinic, the telehealth provider.</p> <p>You will be better able to explain the components of structured home detox and better understand how to conduct a post detox review and develop effective recovery plans.</p>	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>