



General Practice Resource Newsletter

July 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 – 31 July	JulEYE	Australia and New Zealand Eye Foundation
1 – 31 July	Dry July	Dry July Foundation
3 – 10 July	NAIDOC Week	Naidoc Australia
8 July	AIME National Hoodie Day	AIME Mentoring
10 – 16 July	National Diabetes Awareness Week	DANII Foundation
11 July	World Population Day	United Nations
15 – 21 July	National Wound Awareness Week	Australian Wound Management Association
22 July	National Pyjama Day	The Pyjama Foundation
24 July	Stress Down Day	Lifeline Australia
24 – 31 July	Donate Life Week	Donate Life
26 July – 1 August	National Pain Week	Chronic Pain Australia
28 July	World Hepatitis Day	United Nations
29 July	Crazy Hair Day	Cystic Fibrosis Victoria
30 July	Gastroschisis Awareness Day	Avery Angels Gastroschisis Foundation
31 July	National Tree Day	Planet Ark

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 Booster Dose Advice](#)

[Expanded ATAGI Advice on Winter COVID-19 Booster doses](#)

[COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Manual \(June 2022\)](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine - Inreach Clinics Factsheet](#)

[COVID-19 Winter Dose Payments Factsheet \(April 29 2022\)](#)

[Clinical Summary Report](#)

➤ COVID-19 MBS Telehealth Services

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

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

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

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

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

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

➤ NSW Health COVID-19 Updates

[COVID-19 Rules](#)

[NSW Government Face Mask Rules](#)

[Self-isolation rules for cases and people exposed to COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Manual, Version 2.3, 22 June 2022](#)

➤ HealthPathways COVID-19

<https://westernnsw.communityhealthpathways.org/728651.htm>

Username = westernnsw

Password = healthcare

GENERAL INFORMATION

➤ **Changes to the MBS**

From 1 July, a number of changes will be introduced to the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS).

[News containing information on changes to the MBS for 1 July 2022.](#)

[RACGP rundown on changes to the MBS.](#)

[The revised 1 July 2022 XML file is now available on MBS Online here.](#)

➤ **New Financial Year Changes for GP**

In addition to changes being introduced to the MBS from 1 July, updates to other areas relating to general practice will be in place from the new financial year.

[RACGP update on changes.](#)

➤ **Minimum wages increase**

[Read the changes to minimum wage from 1 July.](#)

➤ **Free Flu Vaccination Extension**

The free influenza shot has been extended to 17th of July 2022 to all NSW residents in an effort to combat this year's expected severe influenza season.

[Free Flu shot extended to 17 July NSW Health.](#)

➤ **RACGP Winter Planning Toolkit**

RACGP Winter Planning Toolkit highlights key priority and principles of:

- Infection prevention and control
- Workforce prevention and planning
- Processes for patient management
- Managing the irks of cross infection
- Health and wellbeing of staff

[The toolkit is available on the RACGP website.](#)

➤ **Self-collection expansion update**

From 1 July 2022, the National Cervical Screening Program (NCSP) will expand Cervical Screening Test options, offering self-collection as a choice to all people participating in cervical screening.

[NSW Health Cancer Institute Update](#)

[Free Webinar: Cervical Screening in General Practice, 12 July from 7pm.](#)

➤ **NAIDOC Week 3 – 10 July**

[NAIDOC Week Website](#)

[Deliver an Acknowledgement of Country that really means something | Shelley Reys | TEDxSydney - YouTube](#)

➤ **National Heart Health Check Recall Program**

The Heart Foundation is offering 200 practices the opportunity to participate in Phase 2 of the program. The program, called **Text to Detect** supports targeted identification and management of CVD via an innovative SMS recall system.

[Find out more or express your interest.](#)

➤ **NSW Rural Doctors Network Bush Bursaries and CWA Scholarships**

Due to high demand, scholarship applications have re-opened for 2 weeks and will now close at 5pm on Monday 11th of July 2022.

[Find out more or apply here.](#)

➤ **Closing the Gap Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme**

Services Australia has established e-learning modules to help PBS prescribers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners to register eligible patients for the CTG PBS Co-payment Program

[How to register for CTG PBS](#)

➤ **NASH SHA-2**

If you renewed your NASH in March 2022 or earlier to SHA-1, you'll need to renew again to the new SHA-2 technology before December 2022. Log in to PRODA and HPOS and renewed your NASH to SHA-2 as soon as you can.

➤ **WEB SERVICES**

Web services are moving to PRODA – **the deadline is August 2022** to complete your transition to web services in PRODA.

Log in to your organisation in PRODA and add the Medicare Online tile to Services in PRODA.

[Visit the Services Australia Website for assistance.](#)

➤ **Basic CPR Training**

Register now for Basic CPR Training for General Practice, to be held on Saturday 6 August in Dubbo.

[Primary Care CPD Event Invitation.](#)

➤ **Spirometry Training Course**

Training sessions held in Mudgee, Orange and Dubbo from end of July through August.

[Register your spot for the full day workshop here.](#)

WEBINARS and EVENTS

Name	Date	About	Link	Cost
Recognising and Responding to Sexual Violence in Adults (Program) – Unit 1 Nurse Intakes	Monday 4 July	A three-unit Course for health practitioners in Recognising and Responding to Sexual Violence. Various dates available for Doctor and Nurse intakes.	Register here	Free
Healthed Webcast - COVID Expert Update, Perinatal Depression & Anxiety, DOAC Dosing in Special Situations, and IV Iron Induced Hypophosphatemia and Osteomalacia	Tuesday 5 July 7pm – 9pm	The latest updates and developments in COVID19 illness and treatments, perinatal depression and anxiety and inappropriate DOAC dosing.	Register here	Free
Recognising and Responding to Sexual Violence in Adults (Program) – Unit 2 Nurse Intakes	Monday 11 July	A three-unit Course for health practitioners in Recognising and Responding to Sexual Violence. Various dates available for Doctor and Nurse intakes.	Register here	Free
Cervical Screening in General Practice	Tuesday 12 July 7pm – 8pm	Self-collection eligibility policy change and the intermediate risk pathway	Register here	Free
Recognising and Responding to Sexual Violence in Adults (Program) – Unit 3 Nurse Intakes	Monday 18 July	A three-unit Course for health practitioners in Recognising and Responding to Sexual Violence. Various dates available for Doctor and Nurse intakes.	Register here	Free
Reproductive options for mitochondrial disease – Mitochondrial Donation and beyond	Tuesday 19 July 7pm – 7:30pm	The Mito Foundation has launched a GP webinar series to look at mitochondrial donation and other reproductive options designed to support patients' family planning.	Register here	Free
Working together to deliver virtual care in NSW (Online Discussion)	Thursday 21 July 6:30pm – 7:30pm	NSW Health is looking to collaborate with PHN's about virtual care. An opportunity to share your views on enablers and barriers to videoconferencing and remote patient monitoring.	Register here	Free
Recognising and Responding to Sexual Violence in Adults (Program) – Unit 2 Doctor Intakes	Monday 25 July	A three-unit Course for health practitioners in Recognising and Responding to Sexual Violence. Various dates available for Doctor and Nurse intakes.	Register here	Free
WNSW PHN: Virtual GP Masterclass - There are no naughty or normal kids	Tuesday 26 July 7pm – 8:20pm	A virtual education meeting to provide an overview of autism and ADHD. The webinar will look at the GP's role in surveillance, management and referral.	Register here	Free

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WNSW PHN: Spirometry Training Course (Mudgee)	Wednesday 27 July. 9am – 4pm.	The Spirometry Training Course provides comprehensive training in the application, measurement and interpretation of expiratory spirometry in general practice.	Register here	Free
Improving data quality Webinar with the Australian Government Australian Digital Health Agency	Thursday 28 July 10am – 10:30am.	This session will help you understand the importance of high-quality patient clinical records and provide practical examples of how to improve your practice's data quality through a Quality Improvement activity.	Register here	Free
Working together to deliver virtual care in NSW (Online Discussion)	Thursday 28 July 6:30pm – 7:30pm	NSW Health is looking to collaborate with PHN's about virtual care. An opportunity to share your views on enablers and barriers to videoconferencing and remote patient monitoring.	Register here	Free
Kava and its adverse effects for general practitioners	Thursday 28 July From 7:30pm	A discussion about kava, it's uses, pharmacology, potential health effects and more.	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>

PHN CONTACTS

Practice Support

We can help you in any of the below areas:

Aboriginal Health Initiatives

Digital Health

Education and Training

Accreditation

Quality Improvement

Business Support

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