General Practice Resource Newsletter

June 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:

- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- General Information
- Webinars and Events
- Reminders
- Resources

The Month Ahead:

1 – 30 June	Bowel Cancer Awareness Month	Bowel Cancer Australia
1 – 30 June	Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Awareness Month	CMV Australia
1 – 30 June	Migraine Awareness Month	Migraine Australia
6 – 12 June	World Heart Rhythm Week	Arrhythmia Alliance
7 June	World Food Safety Day	World Health Organisation
10 – 16 June	Infant Mental Health Awareness Week	The World Association for Infant Mental Health
13 – 19 June	Men's Health Week	International Men's Health Week
13 – 19 June	World Allergy Week	Allergy and Immunology Foundation of Australasia
14 June	World Blood Donor Day	World Health Organisation
15 June	Red Apple Day	Bowel Cancer Australia
15 June	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	United Nations
19 June	World Sickle Cell Day	Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell Australia
19 – 25 June	Motor Neuron Disease Awareness Week	MND Victoria
20 June	World Refugee Day	United Nations
27 June	PTSD Awareness Day	Phoenix Australia
29 June	World Scleroderma Day	Scleroderma Australia

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 (May 2022)

COVID Vaccine Provider Bulletin (June 3, 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 June 2022)

MBS Quick Guide (updated June 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 2.2, 13 May 2022

➢ HealthPathways COVID-19

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

Username = westernnsw

Password = healthcare

GENERAL INFORMATION

➢ **FREE FLU VACCINATION**

A free flu shot will be available to all NSW residents in a month-long blitz from June 1 in an effort to combat this year's expected severe influenza season.

Department of Health June Flu Vax

➢ **CANCER SCREENING**

The Healthcare Provider Portal provides a self-service alternative for health professionals to access and submit bowel and cervical screening data electronically in the National Cancer Screening Register. This can integrate with your software to make it easier to upload and check results.

See the National Cancer Screening Register "Healthcare Provider Portal".

➢ **FLU VACCINE AVAILABILITY**

Vaccine stock for the June flu blitz is available at TeamMed. Sites should expect a delivery turnaround of 2 - 4 business days.

Find your Flu Hub here.

➢ **PNEUMOCOCCAL TOOL**

The **PneumoSmart Vaccination Tool** has been created and managed by the Immunisation Coalition, using the pneumococcal disease vaccination recommendations in the online Australian Immunisation Handbook, and has been developed to assist GPs, medical specialists and other immunisation providers to comply with them. As pneumococcal disease vaccination recommendations change, the tool will be updated by clinical experts at the Immunisation Coalition.

➢ **NURSE IMMUNISATION CONFERENCE**

Please see the video to catch up on the Nurse Immunisation Conference held in Orange and Dubbo NSW in May.

PLAY VIDEO to receive a certificate of completion.

Please complete and evaluation and quiz here.

➢ **BEST PRACTISE SOFTWARE USERS**

Best Practice Software users are advised to go in twice a year to extend their B2B Device. The default active period is 6 months only. An OMO needs to login to PRODA to re-set the expiry date.

BP Premier Knowledge Base for Saffron.

➢ ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING

The AMA recently met with representatives from the Department of Health, Services Australia, Australian Digital Health Agency and Medical Software Industry Association, and provided feedback on some problems faced by GP's with electronic prescribing.

See the Prescription Tokens response from the AMA.

➢ 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 renew your NASH to SHA-2 as soon as you can.

➢ WEB SERVICES

Please complete your transition to web services in PRODA **by 19 June 2022.**
1. Log in to your organisation in PRODA
2. Add the Medicare Online tile to Services in PRODA.

For assistance, visit the Services Australia website.

➢ SAFESCRIPT NSW

Real time information about a patient's prescribing and dispensing history of high-risk medicines, is now active across Western NSW.

Register on SafeScript NSW.

Once individual prescribers have registered, make sure final configuration in clinical information software is completed.

Access using clinical software | SafeScript NSW

SafeScript NSW Electronic Requesting of Pathology –

To set up your practice for e-requesting of pathology tests:

1. Ensure you are using compatible software, and that your preferred providers can receive e-Requests from your software.

2. Once you have confirmed this, you'll need to contact your local pathology providers to have e-Requesting set up between your two systems.

   For Sonic Healthcare labs (Douglas Hanly Moir and Barrett & Smith), you'll need to make contact to have the functionality switched on. Once this is confirmed, e-Requesting will happen automatically.

   Sonic Healthcare
   Phone: 1800 653 779
   Email: **mailto:e-pathsupport@dhm.com.au**

➢ CHANGES TO THE MBS

From 1 July 2022 there will be a number of changes to the MBS. These changes include implementing annual fee indexation, the Government's response to recommendations form the MBS Review Taskforce (the Taskforce) regarding colorectal surgery services and the Government's response to recommendations from the independent Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) on pathology services, prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) positron emission tomography (PET) services, abdominoplasty services and transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI) services.

Stay up to date with changes on MBS Online.

➢ INDIGENOUS HEALTH PIP CHANGES

Changes to the Practice Incentives Program – Indigenous Health Incentive, come into effect from 1 January 2023.

Department of Health Indigenous Health PIP Changes.

➢ HEART CHECKS

Heart Checks can now be performed on all patients from the age of 30. Previously, non-indigenous patients received heart checks from age 45.

MBS Online Heart Health Assessment.

➢ CHANGES TO SUPERANNUATION

From 1 July 2022, you will need to pay super to your employees who earn less than $450 per month, provided they meet other eligibility requirements. This change expands super guarantee eligibility so that employees can receive super regardless of how much they earn.

ATO Small Business Newsroom.

➢ PRESCRIBED PATTERN OF SERVICES

Health insurance (professional services review scheme) amendment regulations 2022.

Prescribed pattern of services; 80/20 & 30/20 rules
https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2022L00348

➢ **APNA ONLINE TRAINING**

DVA has provided funding to the Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) for a capped number of fully funded training licences to Nurses and/or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Workers who have patients participating in the Coordinated Veterans' Care (CVC) Program.

The licences are for two online learning modules:

- Chronic disease management (2hrs)

- Care planning (3hrs)

Care coordinators need to apply before 21 June 2022 to access a training licence for free, however the modules can be completed at any time and at your own pace.

APNA Online Training for CVC Care Coordinators.

➢ **NATIONAL HEALTH PLAN GUIDE FOR PRESCRIBERS**

Arrangements for image-based prescribing implemented at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic ended on 31 March 2022, except with hospitals. Image-based prescribing will apply to the supply of pharmaceutical benefits for patients treated in public and private hospitals until 31 March 2023.

National health plan guide for prescribers.

WEBINARS and EVENTS

Name	Date	About	Link	Cost
COVID Update, Influenza Outbreak, and the Twindemic Challenge (Webinar)	Tuesday 7ᵗʰ June 7pm to 9pm	Prof Robert Booy brings us up to speed on two converging health issues: The COVID pandemic and a rapidly growing influenza outbreak. This presentation will explain the crucial role that GPs, Nurses, Pharmacists and other primary health professionals in handling this double-headed public health challenge	**Register here**	Free
WNSW PHN: You BeaUTI - Identification & Management of Paediatric Urinary Tract Infections (Bathurst)	Tuesday 7ᵗʰ June 6:30pm to 8:30pm	Local paediatrician Dr Laura Stephens will provide a presentation and case discussion on the identification of urinary tract infections, and management of recurrent UTIs.	**Register here**	Free
Diabetic Eye Disease - A GP's Perspective (Webinar)	Tuesday 7ᵗʰ June 7pm to 9pm	This education is a CPD Activity under the RACGP CPD Program approved for 2 CPD points. This webinar, brought to you by Macular Disease Foundation Australia, will touch upon important Diabetic Eye Disease (DED) information for GPs	**Register here**	Free
Improving data quality Webinar with the Australian Government Australian Digital Health Agency	Thursday 9ᵗʰ June 10am to 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
WNSW PHN: SafeScript NSW - Real Time Prescription Monitoring - Webinar	Tuesday 14th June 7pm to 8:30pm	SafeScript NSW provides prescribers and pharmacists with real-time information about a patient's prescribing and dispensing history for certain high-risk medicines, known as monitored medicines. This information helps to improve clinical decision making and help keep patients safe.	**Register here**	Free
WNSW PHN: The F-Word (Forensic)…Whodunnit and Whodoesit?	Wednesday 15th June 6:30pm to 8:30pm	How can we as GPs best support a patient who tells you they have been sexually assaulted? How do I respond in a trauma-informed manner and document and interpret any injuries I see? These and other questions are answered in this session.	**Register here**	Free
Polycystic Kidney Disease: diagnosis and monitoring	Wednesday 15th June 7:30pm to 8:30pm	Join Kidney Health Australia and Polycystic Kidney Disease Australia for an interactive case study presented by nephrologist Prof Andrew Mallett who will discuss Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease (ADPKD).	**Register here**	Free

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Opioid Treatment Accreditation Course - Newcastle	Saturday 18th June 9am to 5pm	A free training course for general practitioners, other medical practitioners, & nurse practitioners to safely provide opioid pharmacotherapies. Hosted by the University of Sydney on behalf of the NSW Ministry of Health in Newcastle for prescribers to learn more about how to safely prescribe opioid pharmacotherapies (methadone and buprenorphine) for opioid dependence.	**Register here**	Free
Acute Stroke Action Program - Module 2: Stroke management in general practice	Tuesday 21st June	This program will assist GPs in proactively identifying patients within their practice who are at increased risk of stroke and systematically implementing guideline-based management approaches to reduce stroke risk. It will also assist GPs in developing strategies to educate their staff and patients on recognising the signs and symptoms of stroke and the need for rapid action.	**Register here**	Free
WNSW PHN: Basic CPR - Orange (morning and afternoon session available)	Saturday 25th June 10am or 1pm	This course describes the skills and knowledge required to perform CPR in line with the Australian Resuscitation Council (ARC) Guidelines.	**Register here**	$75
WNSW PHN Webinar: Oral Medicine in Action - Diagnosis & Management of Dental & Oral Pathology	Tuesday 28th June 7pm to 8:30pm	Health Care Professionals are often baffled and confused by what goes on in the mouths of their patients. This webinar aims to review the range of the more common lesions and conditions of the mouth, their diagnosis and their management.	**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

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