



General Practice Resource Newsletter

May 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 May – 31 May	Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month	Children's Tumour Foundation
1 May – 31 May	Miracle Month of May	Miracle Babies Foundation
1 May – 31 May	Ehlers-Danlos Awareness Month	Ehlers-Danlos Society
1 May – 31 May	Crohn's & Colitis Awareness Month	Crohn's & Colitis Australia
4 May	World Asthma Day	Asthma Australia
5 May – 11 May	Tourette Syndrome Awareness Week	Tourette Syndrome Ass. Of Australia
8 May	International Thalassaemia Day	Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell Australia
10 May	World Lupus Day	ARRC
12 May	International Awareness Day for Chronic Immunological and Neurological Diseases	May12th.org.au
15 May – 19 May	Myopia Awareness Week	Myopia Movement
17 May – 20 May	Pneumonia Awareness Week	Lung Foundation Australia
23 May – 29 May	Schizophrenia Awareness Week	Helping Minds
23 May – 29 May	National Palliative Care Week	Palliative Care Australia
25 May	World Thyroid Day	Australian Thyroid Foundation
25 May – 31 May	Kidney Health Week	Kidney Health Australia
25 May – 31 May	Spinal Health Week	Australian Chiropractors Association
30 May	World MS Day	MS Australia
31 May	World No Tobacco Day	AIHW

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The WNSW PHN Website is updated daily 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>

➤ Universal Telehealth Extended through 2021

As part of the 2021-22 Budget, the Australian Government is investing more than \$114 million to extend Telehealth until the end of the year.

[See the full News Release from Commonwealth Minister for Health, Greg Hunt here](#)

➤ MBS Items for COVID-19

- [Download the MBS Quick Guide to COVID-19 Items here](#)
- [Download the MBS Quick Guide here](#)
- [Access the MBS COVID-19 Vaccine Suitability Assessment Service Fact Sheet here](#)

➤ Updated COVID-19 Vaccination Resources

The Department of Health has provided updated Phase 1b information for providers:

[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](#)

➤ Can employers mandate COVID-19 vaccinations?

With staff in many workplaces finally returning to the physical workplace as COVID-19 restrictions ease, some employers may be concerned as to how they can best meet their Workplace Health and Safety Obligations. AAPM HR advisory service has prepared the following HR advisory paper to assist with managing the situation.

[Access the article here.](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

➤ WNSW PHN Opens EOIs for Mental Health Nurse Program – Round 2

WNSWPHN is pleased to announce a second round EOI for the Mental Health Nurse Program for General Practices to upskill Nurses in General Practice with specialist mental health qualifications.

EOI's are open until Friday the 7th May 2021 at 5pm.

[Click on “Current Tenders” on the WNSW PHN Procurement Webpage to learn more](#)

➤ WNSW PHN Emergency Response Planning Tool (ERPT)

WNSW PHN is seeking Expressions of Interest from General Practices, ACCHOs and AMS's who wish to work with the PHN in developing a model or solution in sustaining the future of General Practice.

[Access the WNSW PHN ERPT EOI Information and Application Form here](#)

➤ NSW Health Opioid Treatment Program Prescriber Self-Audit Tool

NSW Health has developed a self-audit tool for prescribers to assist prescribers with ensuring best practice standards are being met. The self-audit tool may be used as a quality improvement activity and may support continuing professional development.

[Access the OTP Prescriber Self-Audit Tool Information here](#)

➤ PAT CAT Version 3.6.7 Release Notes

The latest version of PAT CAT has been made available. We request users to schedule an update once it appears in your PAT CAT window.

[Download the Pen CS PAT CAT Release Notes for V3.6.7 here](#)

➤ PenCS Launches new FLU App

The new FLU Influenza Vaccination App (FLU App) is now available in all practices with Topbar. The FLU App is designed to help you during consultations to identify patients who are recommended for influenza vaccination but are yet to be vaccinated, including those for whom it is funded via the NIP.

[Access more information on the FLU App here](#)

➤ **Western NSW Immunisation Update and Resources**

Presented by Associate Director Nick Wood, NCIRS, the WNSW PHN 2021 Immunisation Update Webinar was hosted on April 20.

[View the Webinar here](#)

[Download the NCIRS Presentation here](#)

[Download the Immunisation 2021 Resources and Links here](#)

[Download Useful Links for WNSW COVID-19 Vaccine and Influenza Vaccine Providers here](#)

➤ **PWDA and the National Redress Scheme**

The National Redress Scheme was set up in response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, and for eligible people offers financial redress, counselling and psychological services, and the potential for an apology from the relevant institution. The People With a Disability Australia (PWDA) project works with people with disability (over the age of 18) who were sexually assaulted in institutional care as children, and we assist them to apply for redress regarding the assault.

In regional and remote areas of NSW, the aim of PWDA is to establish referral pathways, and offer services such as yours information and support in working with people who may wish to apply to the Redress Scheme.

[Download the Project overview here](#)

[Download the Information Flyer here](#)

[Download the Information Flyer for Indigenous Australians here](#)

[Download the Information Handout here](#)

[Download the Information Brochure here](#)

➤ **The Bone Bus**

MeasureUp is a mobile bone densitometry service that provides an accurate, reliable, and precise bone mineral density measurement service.

Patients do not need to travel to a major hospital or radiology lab to have their bone density measured. Assessments are completed and returned promptly (via Healthlink) all from the mobile lab equipped with a State-of-the-art bone densitometer (DEXA) that is operated by specially trained and certified MeasureUp staff. This is completed whilst being parked right in front of your practice.

[Learn more about the Bone Bus here](#)

➤ Dad Play info on Kids for Dads

DadPlay is a free SMS Text Service for fathers with a young child aged 3-5 years.

3-4 text messages are sent each week for 12 weeks with info and practical advice about child development and behaviour. There are also messages about dads' role in children's play and on family relationships.

[Download the Dad Play Info Flyer here](#)

WEBINARS

Name	Date	About	Link	Cost
Driving best practice CVD prevention in a post COVID world	Wednesday May 5 2021 at 8pm	This Heart Week (May 3rd – 9th), the Heart Foundation is calling on health professionals to start a conversation with their patients about the importance of heart health and routine Heart Health Checks.	Register here	Free
Insomnia Toolkit for GPs	Thursday 6 May 2021 at 7:25pm	This session will explore insomnia diagnosis and treatment options in primary care settings.	Register here	Free
APNA Nurse DIGEST 2021 Series - Active Script List	Thursday 6 May 2021 at 12:30pm	APNA, in collaboration with the Australian Digital Health Agency are delighted to continue the Nurse DIGEST Series into 2021.	Register here	Free
Applying continuous improvement processes to ensure continuous patient care	Friday 7 May 2021 from 10:00am	The Australian Centre for Value-Based Health Care is pleased to bring you the next webinar in our webinar series on 'Applying continuous improvement processes to ensure continuous patient care - how can it remedy healthcare challenges?'	Register here	Free
Diabetes NSW & ACT: Diabetes Update for Nurses (Bathurst)	Wednesday May 12, 2021 from 4pm	Diabetes NSW & ACT is presenting a workshop for nurses working within a hospital, medical practice, community health or aged care setting.	Register Here	Free
Talking About Suicide in General Practice	Wednesday 12 May 2021 at 6pm	The Talking About Suicide in General Practice workshop aims to increase GPs skill and confidence in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognising presentations where suicide risk is high • undertaking a detailed risk assessment • management planning using a collaborative, team based approach 	Register Here	Free

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NSW/ACT PHNs Webinar: Responding to Vaccine Hesitancy on the Front Line	Wednesday May 12 2021 at 6pm	This free webinar will assist health professionals in responding to COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy. Get the latest updates and information to better communicate with your patients.	Register Here	Free
Maximising your practice's Emergency Response Planning Tool (ERPT)	Thursday May 13, 2021 from 1pm	Facilitated by John Anthony Williams, Director Healthpoint ANZX (Pty) Ltd, WNSW PHN and Healthpoint ANZ are pleased to invite you to this hands-on training on loading and updating data to the ERPT.	Register Here	Free
Israel and the COVID-19 vaccine – understanding the success of the world's fastest rollout	Thursday 13 May 2021 from 4pm	The Australian Centre for Value-Based Health Care is pleased to bring you the next webinar in our webinar series on 'Israel and the COVID-19 vaccine – understanding the success of the world's fastest rollout.'	Register Here	Free
WNSW PHN & Black Dog Institute: Advanced Training in Suicide Prevention (Bourke)	Saturday 15 May 2021 from 9:00am	This workshop aims to increase health professionals' skill and confidence in taking a detailed suicide history and developing a collaborative management plan to increase the safety of people planning suicide.	Register Here	Free
Advanced Training in Suicide Prevention (Walgett)	Sunday 16 May 2021 at 9am	This workshop aims to increase health professionals' skill and confidence in taking a detailed suicide history and developing a collaborative management plan to increase the safety of people planning suicide.	Register Here	Free
WNSW PHN Webinar: Maximising your practice's Emergency Response Planning Tool (ERPT)	Wednesday May 19, 2021 from 1pm	Facilitated by John Anthony Williams, Director Healthpoint ANZX (Pty) Ltd, WNSW PHN and Healthpoint ANZ are pleased to invite you to this hands-on training on loading and updating data to the ERPT.	Register Here	Free
Autism Spectrum Disorder and the CRC Guidelines	Thursday 20 May 2021 from 6:30pm	This education session will review the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis and management regarding the Australian Guidelines published in 2018.	Register Here	Free
Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training for GPs, Registrars and Practice Nurses (Dubbo)	Saturday 22 May 2021 from 9:00	This course describes the skills and knowledge required to perform CPR in line with the Australian Resuscitation Council (ARC) Guidelines.	Register Here	Free

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WNSW PHN Webinar: Maximising your practice's Emergency Response Planning Tool (ERPT)	Tuesday May 25, 2021 from 1pm	Facilitated by John Anthony Williams, Director Healthpoint ANZX (Pty) Ltd, WNSW PHN and Healthpoint ANZ are pleased to invite you to this hands-on training on loading and updating data to the ERPT.	Register Here	Free
Building Trauma Awareness	Wednesday 26 May 2021 at 9am	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
Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training for GPs, Registrars and Practice Nurses (Bathurst)	Saturday 29 May 2021 from 12:00	This course describes the skills and knowledge required to perform CPR in line with the Australian Resuscitation Council (ARC) Guidelines.	Register Here	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>