



General Practice Resource Newsletter

September 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 Sept – 30 Sept	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month	Kids Cancer Project
1 Sept – 30 Sept	World Alzheimer's Month	Alzheimer's Disease International
1 Sept – 30 Sept	Footy Colours Day	Fight Cancer Foundation
1 Sept – 30 Sept	Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month	Lung Foundation Australia
1 Sept – 30 Sept	September	Cerebral Palsy Alliance
1 Sept – 30 Sept	Liptember for Women's Mental Health	Liptember
6 Sept – 10 Sept	Women's Health Week	Women's Health Week
9 September	International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day	Department of Health
9 September	R U OK? Day	R U OK? Day
10 September	Out of the Shadows and into the Light	Lifeline
10 September	World Suicide Prevention Day	Beyond Blue
13 September	World Sepsis Day	NSW CEC
13 Sept – 19 Sept	Jeans 4 Genes Day	Jeans 4 Genes
17 September	World Patient Safety Day	WHO
20 Sept – 26 Sept	National Week of Deaf People	Deaf Australia
20 Sept – 26 Sept	Dementia Action Week	Dementia Australia
22 September	Global Walk the Talk	WHO
28 September	World Rabies Day	WHO

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>

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

➤ COVID-19 MBS Telehealth Services

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

[Download the MBS Quick Guide to COVID-19 Items \(updated August 2021\) here](#)

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➤ Isolation Quick Guide

NSW Health has released the Quick Guide to Self-Isolation and Testing for Close, Secondary Close, and Casual contacts.

[Download the Isolation Quick Guide here](#)

➤ National Vaccine Storage Guidelines: “Strive for 5”

The Vaccine Storage Guidelines 'Strive for 5' provides information and advice for vaccine storage management for Australian immunisation service providers, from medical practices to large hospitals, clinics and outreach providers.

[Access the National Vaccine Storage Guidelines here](#)

➤ Information regarding lockdowns and Accreditation site visits

AGPAL has advised that all on-sites are postponed until it is deemed safe to undergo face-to-face assessments. Once lockdown is lifted, our clinics who are at the planning stage will be contacted by their co-surveyor to organise a day and time that suits all parties.

[Access the National General Practice Accreditation Scheme information here](#)

➤ PPE Guidance in the Context of COVID-19

This document provides guidance on the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for health care workers¹ during the COVID-19 pandemic. The recommendations in this document were developed with advice from the National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce Infection Prevention and Control Panel (IPC Panel).

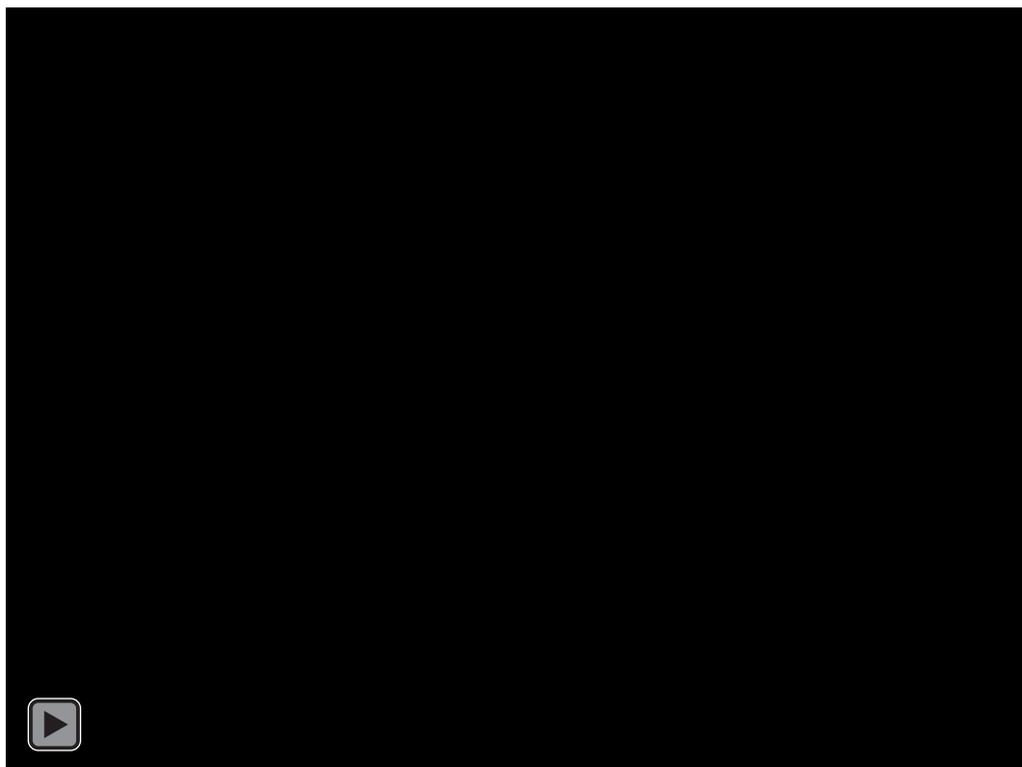
[Download the Guidance on the use of PPE for healthcare workers in the context of COVID-19](#)

➤ **MedicalDirector: Important update on COVID-19 vaccinations**

It has come to the attention of MedicalDirector that some practitioners may have incorrectly submitted COVID-19 vaccinations in MedicalDirector Clinical.

As a result, these records were not sent to the Australian Immunisation Register. We have identified and bulk-submitted all outstanding COVID-19 vaccinations to date, to ensure practices remain compliant with mandatory COVID-19 reporting.

When recording a COVID-19 vaccination, it is critical to select the vaccine with your mouse and check that the 'Send to AIR' option is ticked as below:



➤ **Spikevax (Moderna) mandatory e-learning module now available**

The Department of Health has released an online learning module on the use of Spikevax (Moderna) COVID-19 vaccines in Australia. The module is compulsory for all COVID-19 vaccination providers and can be completed below.

[Access the Training Module here](#)

➤ **Challenging Communication in Challenging Times**

Train IT Medical has released this Blogspot based on responding to angry patients that take their frustrations on Practice Admin Staff.

[Read the Blogspot here](#)

[Access the Train IT Medical COVID-19 Education Resources here](#)

[Access the Train IT Medical New COPD Guidelines and Quality Improvement Information here](#)

➤ Podcasts for Medical Receptionists and Small Communities Rising to COVID-19 Challenges

Rural Health Pro has curated a range of podcasts and resources, as well as news and events on its online portal.

- [online podcast series for medical receptionists](#)
- [High praise for rural health workers on the frontline of COVID-19](#)
- [Five tips for a successful relocation to rural general practice](#)
- [A guide to preventing and managing patient-initiated violence](#)

[See Rural Health Pro's Resource Library here](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

➤ Changes to DVA Fee Schedule from 1 July 2021

The following article has been published in DVA Provider News: [Changes to DVA Fee Schedule from 1 July 2021](#). This article provides information on key changes to DVA Fee Schedules that took effect on 1 July 2021.

➤ MyGPMPTool

MyGPMPTool (MGT) is a CDM app available in Topbar across 4600 GP practices.

MGT is a CDM tool available as an app in Topbar. As the 2nd largest and fast-growing software application within general practice, we pride ourselves in innovation and process enhancements.

Heart Health Check in MGT: <https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Bundles/Heart-Health-Check-Toolkit/templates-embedded-in-MGT-software>

Link to PenCS guide: <https://help.pencs.com.au/display/TUG/MyGPMPTool>

➤ Draft Sepsis Clinical Care Standard Consultation Open

the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) is inviting comments from the public on the draft Sepsis Clinical Care Standard.

Comments are sought from healthcare professionals, peak healthcare and consumer organisations, consumers and any other interested parties.

The development of national clinical care standards is a priority area in the Commission's 2018-21 work plan. A clinical care standard contains a small number of quality statements that describes the care a patient should be offered for a specific clinical condition or defined part of a clinical pathway. It supports:

- People to know what care should be offered by their healthcare system, and to make informed treatment decisions in partnership with their clinicians
- Clinicians to make decisions about appropriate care
- Health services to examine the performance of their organisation and make improvement in the care they provide

[Comment Submissions can be made via the Commission's Website](#)

➤ NDIS Partners in the Community Quick Guide for WNSW PHN Region

NDIS Partners in the Community are community-based organisations that work with the NDIA to deliver the NDIS. Partners provide Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) and Local Area Coordination (LAC) services.

[Download the WNSW PHN NDIS Partners in the Community Quick Contact Guide here](#)

➤ Mental Health Commission NSW Health Literacy Resources

The Health Literacy Development program offers digital resources to help organisations improve mental health literacy responsiveness.

- Who can use these resources? Any health and social care organisation that is providing services to members of the community.
- How to use the resources: Resources are designed to be used together or individually, either in educational programs or by services as part of quality improvement activities. They are inter-related, so you can pick and match resources to suit your needs.

[Access the Health Literacy Development Resources here](#)

WEBINARS

Name	Date	About	Link	Cost
Common Problems in Gastroenterology and Hepatology	Tuesday 14 September 2021 from 7:25pm	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
Youth Health Forum 2021 National Summit	Wednesday 15 September from 8:45am	The YHF National Summit will bring thought leaders and policy makers together with passionate young people to discuss the health issues that affect people under 30.	Register here	Free
Alcohol & Other Drugs ECHO Network	Wednesday 15 September 2021 from 6:55pm	GPs and other healthcare professionals are able to access evidence-based, multidisciplinary information for their patients with alcohol and other drug issues from a panel of experts as well as their peers.	Register here	Free
Using patient reported outcomes to enhance child and family health care service delivery	Thursday 16 September from 2:30pm	This webinar will provide an overview of the services provided at Karitane, including the move towards a 'blended' model of digital/in-person services – a process that commenced in 2018 but was scaled up rapidly during the COVID-19 pandemic.	Register here	Free for AHHA Members

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International digital conference on Design in Healthcare	Friday 17 September 2021 from 8:00am	In this digital conference hear from experienced designers, managers and change agents working in hospitals in France, Canada and New Zealand as they share the lessons they learned while transforming practices and fostering value.	Register Here	\$199
Transforming healthcare through design	Friday 17 September 2021 from 9:00am	In this digital conference hear from experienced designers, managers and change agents working in hospitals in France, Canada and New Zealand as they share the lessons they learned while transforming practices and fostering value.	Register Here	\$199
Chronic Kidney Disease, Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease	Wednesday 22 September from 7:30pm	Join Kidney Health Australia with nephrologist, A/Prof Shilpa Jesudason, as she discusses the key elements of the 'Make the Link: CKD, Diabetes and CVD' evidence report.	Register Here	Free
Australian Public Health Conference 2021	Thursday 23 September 2021 until Friday 24 September	How will public health respond to crises in a disrupted world? How can we mitigate the widening inequities precipitated by pandemics? How will we use scientific evidence to influence government for better well-being of our communities? How can we harness health communication in responsive, effective and adaptable ways?	Register Here	Members \$699 Non-Members \$899
Value-based procurement in MedTech	Thursday 23 September 2021 from 5:00pm	In this seminar, Jennifer will discuss the strategy and benefits of transitioning procurement to value-based approaches with a focus on the experience of MedTech Europe on working with suppliers and buyers to shift to value-based procurement.	Register Here	Free for AHHA Members
Gambling Awareness training for General Practitioners	Wednesday 29 September from 7:00pm	Although this webinar is applicable on a national scale to GPs, the content of this webinar will focus primarily on NSW resources and services available.	Register Here	Free
The Health Effects of Climate Change	Thursday 30 September from 7:30pm	This activity introduces general practitioners to the health effects of climate change. It outlines how anthropogenic global warming is changing our climate and how this change then effects human health.	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>