



General Practice Resource Newsletter

September 2022

Welcome to the practice resource newsletter for August. We are now in a new PIP quarter and the last month of winter. We look forward to working with you to continue working on your Aboriginal Health Initiatives, Digital Health, Accreditation, Quality Improvement and Business Support.

PRIMARY CARE NEWS

➤ **September MBS Cards**

[MBS Card September 2022](#)

[MBS Card COVID-19 September 2022](#)

➤ **MBS Online September 2022 downloads**

[Please find the latest MBS online XML data file for September here with changes to items 73295 and 73301.](#)

➤ **COVID-19 vaccination training program**

The COVID-19 core modules have been updated to include Moderna vaccines for 6 month to 5 year olds. This free and online program is mandatory for all COVID-19 vaccination providers.

[Department of Health and Aged Care COVID-19 training modules.](#)

➤ **Women's Health Week 5 – 11 September**

[Get involved in Women's Health Week 2022.](#)

➤ **AskMBS Advisory #2 – General practice services**

Advice for health providers and other users of the Medicare Benefits Schedule on the interpretation and application of MBS items, explanatory notes and associated legislation, to assist them in billing Medicare correctly.

[Department of Health and Aged Care AskMBS Advisory.](#)

➤ **PBS Authorities – Changes to digital access**

From 1 September 2022, prescribers can submit the below Authority Required (written) PBS listed medicines using the Online PBS Authorities system (the system).

You'll no longer need to submit authority applications, prescriptions and test results for these medicines

[PBS Transformation fact sheet.](#)

➤ **Department of Veterans' Affairs – Veteran Cards Quick Guide**

Please see below quick guide information sheet to the Department of Veterans' Affairs Veteran cards and the types of cards patients may present.

[DVA Veteran cards information sheet.](#)

➤ **Department of Veterans' Affairs – Claiming Quick Guide for GPs**

[Please see the DVA's quick guide to claiming for FY22/23.](#)

➤ **2022 Rural Practice Managers Conference**

The NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) and the Australian Association of Practice Management (AAPM) would like to invite you to the 2022 Rural Practice Managers Conference on Thursday 24 November at the Crowne Plaza Sydney Coogee Beach.

The conference will include a full day of education sessions, a three-course dinner, cocktail function, access to their dedicated Trade Hall and more.

[Find more information and register here.](#)

➤ **RACGP Greening Up: Environmental sustainability**

General practices can actively contribute to minimising the environmental footprint you generate by taking simple steps. This can help to manage the current and future adverse health effects of climate change and reduce your practices' overheads.

[Read the RACGP resource on environmental sustainability and climate change.](#)

➤ **RACGP Practice Owners Masterclass**

The RACGP invite you to their Practice Owners Masterclass sessions held across Australia. The Masterclass comprises of a 1 day interactive workshop aiming to step you through the development of a successful business and strategic plan.

[RACGP Practice Owners Masterclass information and registration.](#)

➤ **Triage for General Practice – Live training session**

Live events on 22 and 23 November 2022 with presenter Simon Gould – Medics for Life. This training session is a great opportunity for front of house and clinical staff to train in triage systems and processes.

[Register for this event here.](#)

➤ **Chronic Disease Management Workshops – CDM Plus**

Workshops are available for primary healthcare workers in Chronic Disease Management. A series of face to face and virtual workshops are available.

[Find information and dates here.](#)

➤ **Mark Butler and the future of General Practice - Webinar**

Join multi-award-winning broadcaster and journalist, Dr Norman Swan, and Hon. Mark Butler MP, Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, for a one on one webinar, exclusively for GPs.

[Register for the webinar here.](#)

➤ **Nurse Immunisers for COVID-19**

Nurse immunisers are available to practices and pharmacies if required for COVID-19 vaccinations. Please email Sarah O'Brien – sarah.obrien@wnswphn.org.au.

➤ **Vulnerable Persons In-Reach Vaccination Programme**

WNSW PHN has initiated a new program to facilitate an in-reach service by GPs and practice nurses to administer COVID-19 and Influenza vaccinations to vulnerable persons. This includes in-reach to Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACF).

[WNSW PHN Vulnerable Persons In-Reach programme information.](#)

➤ **Living with COVID-19 – Home Commissioned Visits**

WNSW PHN can facilitate home visits by GPs and practice nurses to patients who are managing COVID-19 at home. This includes home visits to Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACF) patients and people who are isolating at home as a close contact.

[Information on Home Commissioned visits.](#)

Digital Health Updates

- [Check NASH for SHA1 and SHA2 here.](#)

- **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.

- **Electronic Requesting of Pathology**

Some pathology laboratories that are connected to My Health Record will automatically upload results to My Health Record while others require eRequests for their reports to be shared. When Pathology eRequests are enabled in clinical software an electronic copy of the request is automatically shared with the testing laboratory, in parallel to the printed request to the patient, to improve orders and results processing.

In WNSW, you'll need to contact the following pathology providers to setup eRequesting in your practice:

Australian Clinical Labs – 1300 669 961 [eorders@clinicallabs.com.au](mailto:orders@clinicallabs.com.au)

Sonic Healthcare (Douglas Hanly Moir/Barrett & Smith) - 1800 653 779

e-pathsupport@dhm.com.au

[Click here to download a guide to Pathology eRequesting.](#)

- **Continuation of SMS reimbursement and the Electronic Prescription Fee**

The Australian Digital Health Agency advises that the reimbursements of electronic prescription tokens sent via SMS will be extended until 31 March 2023.

Reimbursements will be provided for both the original electronic prescription tokens through prescribing systems and the cost of repeat tokens generated through dispensing systems.

The Department and the Agency maintain their commitment to the operation and evolution of the Australian electronic prescribing ecosystem.

[Letter re - Continuation of SMS reimbursement and the Electronic Prescription Fee](#)

WNSW PHN PRIMARY CARE SUPPORT CONTACTS

<p><u>We can help you in any of the below areas:</u></p> <p>Aboriginal Health Initiatives</p> <p>Digital Health</p> <p>Education and Training</p> <p>Accreditation</p> <p>Quality Improvement</p> <p>Business Support</p> <p>PIP QI</p> <p>Shirlene Brokenshire – 0407 632 004</p> <p>Natalie Welsh – 0437 692 614</p> <p>Therese Gale – 0439 104 597</p>	<p>Digital Health</p> <p>Brenton Jones – 0418 861 918</p> <p>Immunisation and Cancer Screening</p> <p>Michelle Droulers – 0418 713 979</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Katie Prior – 0409 850 368</p> <p>Erica Gilbert - 0428 311 887</p> <p>Liz Robinson - 0437 450 592</p> <p>General Manager – Primary Healthcare and Integration</p> <p>Sonya Berryman – 0417 810 234</p>
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WEBINARS and EVENTS

Name	Date	About	Link	Cost
National Vaccine Forum - RECONNECTING: Our Communities, Healthcare and Beyond (webinar)	Thursday 1 September From 6pm.	Each year, the National Vaccine Forum brings together Australia's primary healthcare professionals for a dynamic and engaging discussion on the current challenges and possibilities surrounding vaccines in Australia.	Register here	Free
Youth Type 2 Diabetes (Webinar Series): Screening and Management of T2D in Paediatric Age Group	Thursday 1 September 12:15pm – 1:15pm	Join Menzies School of Health Research for this 10 part webinar series aimed at providing clinicians with comprehensive and up-to-date information to improve the care of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people with type 2 diabetes.	Register here	Free
Recognising and Responding to Sexual Violence in Adults (Program) – Nurse & Doctor Intakes	Unit 3 – Responding to Sexual Violence in At-Risk Patients Nurse Intakes 5 September	This three-unit program addresses a known gap in medical training on sexual violence. The curriculum has been developed by forensic clinicians and nurses from Monash University and the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine.	Register here	Free
Supporting young parents with an out-of-home care (OOHC) experience	Wednesday September 7 1pm to 2pm	Many young people with experience of out-of-home care (OOHC) have complex histories of trauma and neglect and generally poorer health, education and employment outcomes than their peers.	Register here	Free
Supporting clinical educators transition to telehealth supervision: Facilitating knowledge and skill	Thursday 8 September 11am - 1pm	This free professional development workshop is available to all health professionals interested in or currently working with health students on clinical placements.	Register here	Free
Current Management of Lung Cancer	Wednesday 14 September From 6:30pm	Central West Cancer Care Centre invites you to their upcoming educational session on the therapeutic area of Lung Cancer.	Register here	Free
Youth Type 2 Diabetes (Webinar Series): Screening and Management of T2D in Young Adults	Thursday 15 September 12:15-1:15pm	Join Menzies School of Health Research for this 10 part webinar series aimed at providing clinicians with comprehensive and up-to-date information to improve the care of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people with type 2 diabetes.	Register here	Free

September Awareness Days

1 – 30 September	Dystonia Awareness Month	Dystonia Network of Australia
1 – 30 September	Social September	Reach Australia
1 – 30 September	Liptember	Liptember Foundation
1 – 30 September	Starlight Movie Month	Starlight Children's Foundation
1 – 30 September	Gynaecological Cancer Awareness Month	WomenCan
1 – 30 September	Prostate Cancer Awareness Month	Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia
1 – 30 September	Lymphoma Awareness Month	Lymphoma Australia
1 – 7 September	Asthma Week	Asthma Australia
1 September	Gold Bow Day	The Australian Thyroid Foundation
2 September	Walk to Work Day	Diabetes Australia
4 September	Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day	PKD Australia
4 September	World Sexual Health Day	World Association for Sexual Health
5 – 11 September	Womens Health Week	Jean Hailes – Women's Health
5 – 11 September	Idiopathic Hypersomnia Awareness Week	Hypersomnolence Australia
7 September	World Duchenne Awareness Day	Duchenne Foundation
8 September	R U OK? Day	R U OK Foundation
9 September	International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day	National Organisation for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Related Disorders
10 September	World Suicide Prevention Day	United Nations
16 September	Bright Pink Lipstick Day	Pink Hope Australia
16 September	Lyme Gladiolus Day	The Karl McManus Foundation
21 September	World Alzheimer's Day	Alzheimer's Australia
26 September	Mesothelioma Awareness Day	The Mesothelioma Center at Asbestos.com
29 September	World Heart Day	United Nations

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 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 \(updated August 2022\)](#)

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

[RACGP MBS Aged Care clinical guide \(updated July 2022\)](#)

[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 2.4, 15 July 2022.](#)

➤ HealthPathways COVID-19

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

Username = westernnsw

Password = healthcare

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>