

## Clinical Communiqué

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### Wounds management a hot topic for health professionals

Over 150 nurses, aged care workers, doctors, Aboriginal health workers and podiatrists attended a sold-out wounds management workshop in Dubbo last Saturday. Participants gave positive feedback on the practical format, which helped develop skills in the assessment, treatment and management of complicated wounds. Organised by the Western NSW PHN and Wounds Australia, it was presented by some of the state's top wound specialists.

*Image: Andrew Harvey, CEO WNSW PHN and Dr Peta Tehan, Chair of Wounds*

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### Referring to Marrabinya (Indigenous Health Support Services)

GPs can refer Aboriginal People with a diagnosed chronic disease to Marrabinya for assistance with specialist appointments, transport, accommodation, and medical aids. Operating as a brokerage service, Marrabinya can be accessed by all GPs in Western NSW who care for Aboriginal People. This program is delivered by Maari Ma Health and funded by WNSW PHN. For more information call 1800 940 757. [Marrabinya GP Fact Sheet](#) [Marrabinya Referral Form](#)



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### Call for GP participants - gout self-management app research

Researchers from University of NSW are conducting a study to evaluate the usefulness of a mobile app to achieve target serum urate concentration in people with gout. GPs who have seen patients with gout in the last year are invited to participate. Participating GP practices will receive a \$300 gift voucher per practice to acknowledge their contribution. Contact Jacob Bechara Call: 1800 931 544 Email: [med.gout.app@unsw.edu.au](mailto:med.gout.app@unsw.edu.au)

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### Karitane Parent Child Interaction Therapy

Karitane offers a free service to support families with toddlers (2 and 3 year olds) experiencing behavioural difficulties. Referrals are needed from a GP, Child and Family Health Nurse or Community Service. For families living in regional or remote areas this program is delivered over the internet free of charge. Referral information available on the [Keratane Professionals Page](#).



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## Notifying exemptions on the Australian Immunisation Register

Legislative changes now allow additional doctors to notify a medical exemption to vaccination on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). Paediatricians, public health physicians, infectious disease physicians and clinical immunologists are now able to notify a medical exemption on the AIR in addition to GPs.

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## ACI Cardiac Network & Heart Failure Framework

The NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) Cardiac Network works to improve the experience and delivery of healthcare for patients with cardiac conditions. Achievements of the network include developing evidence-based guidelines on cardiac monitoring and revising the Clinical Service Framework for Chronic Heart Failure.



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## New Templates for General Practice

New templates for general practice are available to download from the WNSW PHN Website Templates Page for Best Practice and Medical Director software. These include Colonoscopy Referral and After Hours Clinic (Dubbo & Bathurst) RACF Patient Record Notification Forms.

## Training and Events

WNSW PHN organises regular CPD events for doctors and health professionals. These are listed on our website. Upcoming events organised or supported by WNSW PHN include:

- Pain Management and Addiction Webinar Series - 28 February, Online
- ENTRESTO in systolic heart failure - 1 March, Dubbo
- Research Methods and Project Development Workshop - 3 March, Dubbo & Orange
- Management Stage 3 Chronic Kidney Disease - 5 March, Broken Hill
- Pain Management and Addiction Webinar Series - 7 March, Online
- Prostate Cancer Coordination Care Model Information Session - 12 March, Broken Hill
- PSA Annual Therapeutic Update 2018 - 16 to 18 March, Blue Mountains
- Diagnoses and Management of Acute and Chronic Chest Conditions - 17 March, Dubbo
- Curing Hepatitis C - 20 March, Dubbo
- Learning from the Western Sydney Diabetes Clinic Experience - 22 March, Mudgee
- 6th Rural and Remote Health Scientific Symposium - 11 to 12 April, Canberra
- Asthma and COPD Education Event - 3 May, Dubbo
- Astellas CPD Event (save the date) - 8 May, Dubbo
- AAPM Practice Managers & Receptionist / Admin Workshop - 11 May, Bathurst
- Find the Fracture, GP Osteoporosis Meeting - 30 May, Dubbo



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