

Clinical Communiqué

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Local GP passionate about eliminating chronic Hep C



Dr Annie Balcomb of Orange encourages all GPs to be part of the goal to eliminate chronic HCV in Australia by 2030. "Primary Care practitioners are increasingly detecting, managing and curing people in Australia with chronic hepatitis C. The PBS listing of highly effective pan-genotypic regimes has also made treatment easier," said Dr Balcomb. In March 2016 the percentage of Direct Acting Antiviral scripts written by GP's was 8%, which increased to 39% in June 2017 and is heading towards 50%.

Want to improve your Hep C knowledge?

- [RACGP Webinar Recording - Curing Hepatitis C in General Practice \(one hour\)](#)
- [mdBriefCase Eliminating Hep C: What you need to know Online Learning Module](#)

Community consultation on suicide prevention - Dubbo

What would it take to prevent suicide in your community? You are invited to join the NSW Mental Health Commission community consultation in **Dubbo on 5 April**, 10:00am – 12:30 pm at the Quality Inn. The purpose of this forum is to agree on actions to improve existing efforts in suicide prevention and drive a coordinated response.



[Find out more >>](#)

Need help with patients requiring Schedule 8 medications?



Following the recent codeine up-scheduling some GPs may have questions about prescribing of S8 medications to drug dependent persons. NSW Health has useful information on their [website](#) for prescribing an S8 opioid or benzodiazepine. You can also call the helpline for health professionals on (02) 9424 5923.

[Find out more >>](#)

Reminder to update ARGUS address book and NHSD listing

The NSW LHD requests that general practices please check and update their **ARGUS address book** information. To advise ARGUS of any practitioner or business changes email argus@health.telstra.com or call (03) 9037 1000 (option 4). When emailing ARGUS updates please include: first name, surname, eight (8) character provider number and starting/finishing date.

Please also review your details in the **National Health Service Directory (NHSD)** via [this link](#).

Quitline referral form now online

The Cancer Institute NSW and NSW Quitline are thrilled to announce the launch of the NSW Quitline Online Referral Form. The secure online Health Professional Referral Form can be accessed [here](#) or via the [Cancer Institute NSW](#)



Website. The Health Professional Referral Fax form remains a referral option. Clients can also request a NSW Quitline call back via iCanQuit or contact the NSW Quitline directly on 13 7848.

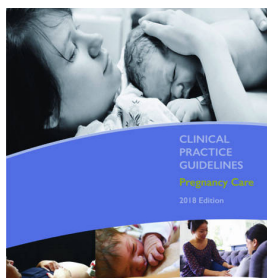


Talking fertility with men - GPs wanted for survey

Andrology Australia and Monash University are exploring GP's knowledge, attitudes and practice relating to male fertility health promotion. The organisation plans to develop resources to help GPs start conversations with men about fertility and reproductive life planning. Take the 10 minutes survey to help

make these resources as useful as possible and enter the draw for a \$200 Coles-Myer gift card. Contact info@andrologyaustralia.org

[Take the survey >>](#)



New guidelines for care during pregnancy

The Australian Government Department of Health has released a revised version of the Pregnancy Care Clinical Practice Guidelines. The 2018 edition combines Module 1 and 2 of the Antenatal Care Guidelines, published in 2012 and 2014 respectively as well as other revisions. This guide provides evidence based recommendations to support health professionals to provide high quality, safe antenatal care.

[Find out more >>](#)

Notice of two new surgeons in Dubbo

Dr Chandika Liyanage, Consultant Surgeon (General, Gastrointestinal, Laparoscopic, Interventional Endoscopy and Colonoscopy) at Dubbo Health Services Specialist Medical Centre. Phone: 6841 2470 Fax: 6881 6569 Email: chandika.liyanage@health.nsw.gov.au

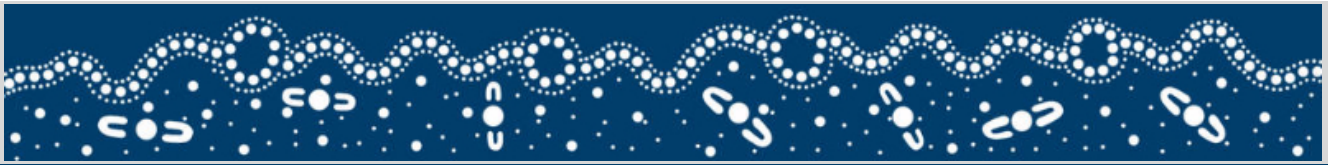
Dr Dane Holden, Consultant Surgeon (General, upper gastro-intestinal surgery, endoscopy and skin cancer surgery). Visiting rights at Dubbo Private and Dubbo Base Hospital. Phone: 6884 5666 Email: reception@dubbosurgicalseervices.com.au

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:

- Management of cancerous and non-cancerous breast abnormalities - 28 March, Bathurst
- Cultural Safety Training for General Practice - 5 April, Dubbo
- Registrars Networking Dinner - 6 April, Bathurst
- My Health Record in Pharmacy - 9 April, Orange
- Cultural Safety Training for General Practice - 10 April, Parkes
- Cultural Safety Training for General Practice - 11 April, Bathurst
- 6th Rural and Remote Health Scientific Symposium - 11 April, Canberra
- PENCS Training - 11 April, Orange
- Dubbo Private Hospital Event - 11 April, Dubbo
- Registrars Networking Dinner - 11 April, Dubbo
- Cultural Safety Training for General Practice - 12 April, Orange
- PENCS Training - 12 April, Walgett
- PENCS Training - 13 April, Bourke
- My Health Record in Pharmacy - 16 April, Bathurst
- My Health Record in Pharmacy - 24 April, Mudgee
- Dubbo Private Hospital Orthopedic Education Event - 26 April, Dubbo
- Cultural Safety Training for General Practice - 1 May, Broken Hill
- Asthma and COPD Education Event - 3 May, Dubbo
- Registrars Networking Dinner - 8 May, Broken Hill
- Astellas Education Event - 8 May, Dubbo
- GP Education Day - 12 May, Orange

- [Advanced Training in Suicide Prevention](#) - 12 May, Broken Hill
- [Ferring Pharmaceutical Event](#) - 22 May, Dubbo
- [Advanced Training in Suicide Prevention](#) - 26 May, Dubbo
- [Find the Fracture GP Dinner Meeting](#) - 30 May, Dubbo



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