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A Dose of eMeds for Rural NSW

Electronic medication management (eMeds) will be rolled out across six local health districts (LHDs) in 2018. The eMeds system will aim to alleviate the lack of information contained about medication changes during a patient's admission. Don't miss your opportunity to have your say and participate in this short 3-minute survey.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

[Find out more >>](#)

Improved access to after-hours care across the western region

Community members across the Western NSW Primary Health Network (WNSW PHN) region are set to receive improved access to after-hours primary health care services in their local area, as part of the Western NSW After Hours Services Project recently commissioned by WNSW PHN, set to run over the coming year.



[Find out more >>](#)



Management of diabetes mellitus - Elearning Program

As part of the Leading Better Value Care program, the NSW Diabetes Taskforce has developed a capability program for junior medical officers and nursing staff. The program is aimed towards staff responsible for the care of people with diabetes in hospital, in particular, those requiring insulin.

[Click here to download the fact sheet](#)

[Find out more >>](#)

Have your say about our health system

The Consumers Health Forum of Australia (CHF) recently launched an online public panel to encourage people to have their say about the health system.



[Register for Australia's Health Panel](#)

Health Workforce Scholarships Program (HWSP)



This program is aimed at health professionals working in medicine, nursing, midwifery, allied health, dentistry and Aboriginal health to increase their skills, capacity and or/scope of practice. Clinicians providing services in a Modified Monash Model (MMM) 3-7 region and not working solely for the NSW government are eligible to apply.

Genomic Testing

Genome.One's Clinical Service recently opened the doors of Australia's first private clinical genomics service, providing genetic counselling and genomic testing to patients Australia-wide. The clinic is accepting doctor referrals for patients from across the country, with consults provided in person, by telephone and via telehealth.



[Click here for full details.](#)

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Chronic Kidney Disease Active Learning Module

Healthcare professionals in the Western NSW region are invited to register their interest for the category 2 Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Active Learning Module (ALM). Pulse First Aid in conjunction with Paths to One will host the course. It will include free CPR training and attract 45 CPD points. The course will run on various dates throughout 2018. Local sessions can be delivered for groups of 10 – 20 participants.

[Find out more >>](#)

Short-Term Restorative Care (STRC) Program

United Protestant Association (UPA) is the sole provider in Central West NSW of a 56-day government funded program aiming to reverse and/or slow functional decline and improve well-being in older people. This program is individually tailored and goal orientated and can be delivered in-home or via a short stay in UPA. Referral is via MyAgedCare and requires an initial ACAT assessment.



[Find out more >>](#)

Immunisation Reports Now Available

The Department of Health recently conducted a program of social research into immunisation. The final reports are now available.

[Research to identify immunisation information needs – Qualitative research report](#)

[National Immunisation Research – Quantitative research report](#)

[Community attitude research on influenza vaccination – Quantitative research report](#)

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2018 Budget Summary - Health Aged Care and Aging

This analysis complements detailed Budget notes from the Commonwealth Department of Health.

[Health Summary](#)

[Aged Care and Aging Summary](#)

Smoking Cessation Services

Are you confident to provide best practice, information and support to your patient who smokes? Sally Bembrick, Western NSW Local Health District Smoking Cessation Coordinator, can assist you with full clinical support and personalised training.

[Find out more, including contact details](#)

[List of smoking cessation service providers](#)

[Referral form to smoking cessation service provider](#)



[Find out more >>](#)

H.O.P.E Service

H.O.P.E. is a team of local highly skilled Psychologists & Accredited Social Workers, based at the Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre, who are dedicated to providing therapeutic trauma-informed counselling services to the Dubbo and regional community via bulk-billing with a Mental Health Treatment Plan.

For more information or to make a referral please contact us on 1800 312 881 or email hope@dnc.org.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:

- ["Break It Down" Roadshow](#) - 25 May, Condobolin
- [Advanced Training in Suicide Prevention](#) - 26 May, Dubbo
- [CPD Face to Face: Diabetes Update](#) - 28 May, Dubbo
- ["Break It Down" Roadshow](#) - 29 May, Wellington
- [Find the Fracture GP Dinner Meeting](#) - 30 May, Dubbo
- [Maternal vaccination seminar series - the knowns and unknowns](#) - 31 May, webinar
- ["Break It Down" Roadshow](#) - 1 June, Walgett
- [Type 2 Diabetes - New agents and new indications](#) - 7 June, Mudgee
- [Chronic Disease Management in Primary Health Care](#) - 12 June, Orange
- [Chronic Disease Management in Primary Health Care](#) - 13 June, Dubbo
- [School of Rural Health Journal Event](#) - 13 June, Dubbo or Orange
- [Chronic Disease Management in Primary Health Care](#) - 14 June, Broken Hill
- [Launch of Roadmaps](#) - 14 June, Dubbo
- [Advanced Training in Suicide Prevention](#) - 23 June, Orange
- [Registrars Networking Dinner](#) - 26 June, Dubbo
- [RACGP NSW and ACT Skin Cancer Essentials](#) - 30 June, Dubbo
- [WNSW PHN Immunisation Update](#) - 3 July, Broken Hill (save the date)



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