

# Practice Connect



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## Latest news and updates

### PIP QI guidance released by the Department of Health

Practice Connect subscribers would have last week received a special edition newsletter to advise you that the Department of Health had finalised and released its guidance for the commencement of the Practice Incentives Program (PIP) Quality Improvement (QI) incentive on 1 August (if you did not receive the notification, you can read it here <https://bit.ly/2JGpv6k>).

Over the past week, general practices have been sent letters by the Departments of Health and Human Services to inform them of the implementation of the PIP QI, and advise them of the steps they need to take to participate. While you cannot register for the PIP QI until 1 August, you can ensure other requirements are initiated or completed prior to this date to support your readiness.

Please note that all these steps are outlined in the Frequently Asked Questions on our *PIP & PIP QI* page (<https://bit.ly/2XJVdcF>).

Firstly, if your practice does not participate in the Practice Incentives Program, you will need to apply to join PIP. To be eligible to participate, your practice must be accredited, or registered for accreditation.

If your practice is already participating in PIP, and intends to register for PIP QI, you need to contact WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) and provide us with your PIP ID. The simplest way to do this is via our PIP QI form (<https://bit.ly/2VHdiY7>). If your practice is also currently sharing data with WAPHA, you only need to confirm with us that you intend to participate in PIP QI and provide us with your PIP ID.

If your practice is not sharing data with WAPHA, but intends to register for PIP QI, we recommend you contact us as soon as possible so that we can discuss (and implement) data sharing options that will help prepare your practice for PIP QI. It is a requirement of PIP QI that you submit the PIP Eligible Data Set to your local PHN (WAPHA for WA practices), so informing us of your intention to participate is vital in this preparation period.

If you have queries, we recommend you first review the PIP Frequently Asked Questions on our website (<https://bit.ly/2XJVdcF>), and contact your Primary Health Liaison (<https://bit.ly/32Cv0f8>) if you require additional support.

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## National Vaccine Storage Guidelines Strive for 5 – new edition

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the National Vaccine Storage Guidelines Strive for 5 is now available. This resource provides up to date information about safe vaccine storage and key recommendations for effective vaccine storage management, including new supporting resources for immunisation providers. Strive for 5 is also a key resource for practices undergoing accreditation against the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the RACGP *Standards for general practices*.

Hard copies of the Strive for 5 booklet and the supporting resources are currently being posted to immunisation providers, and additional copies can be downloaded or ordered by visiting <https://bit.ly/2YSHgWz>.

Practices are asked not to order additional hard copies prior to 19 July, by which time all initial copies should have been received through the mail.

## South Metropolitan Health Service Outpatient Audit

South Metropolitan Health Service (SMHS) is commencing an outpatient reform project in July 2019. Prior to work commencing it is essential to 'clean' the SMHS outpatient waitlist data to deliver an accurate picture of the number of referrals waiting for a first appointment.

As a result of this process, from mid-July patients may be contacted to determine if an appointment is still required.

In some cases, patients may require a reassessment by their GP to determine if a specialist referral is still required. If a patient is unable to be contacted during this process, the referrer /GP will be contacted to determine if the referral is still required.

A hotline has been set up to answer GP and patient queries regarding this process.

- Fiona Stanley and Fremantle Hospital GPs and patients can call the Outpatient Waitlist Audit Hotline: (08) 6152 4510.
- Rockingham Peel Group GPs and patients can call the Outpatient Waitlist Audit Hotline: 95994310.

## RACGP Green Book: share your stories of implementing preventive care in your practice

The RACGP's *Putting prevention into practice* (the Green book) is designed to help general practices put preventive care recommendations from best practice guidelines into practice. It provides case studies to reflect on and contains advice about practical processes, strategies and tools for implementing and sustaining preventive activities.

On an ongoing basis, the RACGP would like to continue to showcase the creative and innovative initiatives that general practices are undertaking to improve the health of Australians. They are encouraging all members of the general practice team, and those who work with general practices, to share tips and stories of preventive activities you have implemented in your clinic. To submit your case study, please fill in the web form (<https://bit.ly/2LkyUUn>) and describe the quality improvement activities you have undertaken to support preventive care. Case studies and stories will be featured on our website and social media channels.

The Green book and related resources page can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/2NWKOpL>.

## Do you know your Primary Health Liaison?

Part of WA Primary Health Alliance's mission to build a robust and responsive patient-centred primary health system through meaningful partnerships is being achieved through our relationships with Western Australian general practices. WAPHA provides support to general practices on a variety of levels, from our Practice Assist service (available to all practices) through to our Comprehensive Primary Care program (<https://bit.ly/2Y1ZCXJ>).

A key feature of our general practice support program is our Primary Health Liaisons. This is our team of people whose focus is on providing ongoing face-to-face assistance with a wide range of activities relevant to quality general practice, as well as sharing information and advice on services, events and emerging themes and topics locally, state-wide, and nationally.

With the introduction of the PIP QI, your Primary Health Liaison (PHL) will be a key contact in supporting your practice's readiness. PHLs can help not only with data sharing, but in using your data purposefully to implement quality improvement activities. In addition, they can support you with many other activities that can be tailored to your practice's own circumstances, including accreditation preparation, MBS billing, immunisation, cancer screening, and education and training.

To find your practice's PHL, please visit <http://www.practiceassist.com.au/Contact-Us/meet-our-PHLs>.

## New RACGP medication management guide for GPs

*Medication management and supply: A guide for general practice* provides a high-level understanding of the regulatory and best-practice framework for supplying and managing medicines in general practice, collating information from various sources for practices that want to formalise a service that is already offered.

The practical guide provides GPs and general practices already supplying medicines such as vaccines directly to their patients with all of the information they need to know about storing, managing and supplying medicines.

For more information on the development of the guide, please visit <https://bit.ly/2YNTmQI>. The guide is available for RACGP members only, requiring you to log into the RACGP portal to access it.

## New AIHW report: Coordination of health care

Safe and high-quality health care depends on the sharing of health information between health-care providers. In 2016, nearly 1 in 4 patients reported inadequate information sharing between the emergency department they visited and their GP or usual place of care. This report looks at gaps in information sharing between providers, or "information continuity", using the 2016 Survey of Health Care.

It looks at differences across remoteness areas and Australia's 31 Primary Health Network (PHN) areas, and the influence of sociodemographic factors, such as a person's age, and the language they speak at home.

The report is the second in the AIHW's coordination of health care series. The first report, *Coordination of health care: experiences with GP care among patients aged 45 and over 2016*, looked at ongoing relationships between patients and their usual GP or place of care. It found that the vast majority (98%) of patients surveyed had either a usual GP or usual place of care.

You can access the report by visiting <https://bit.ly/2JcDWQv>.

# Accreditation tip – continuous and comprehensive care

## RACGP Standards for general practices 5<sup>th</sup> edition, Criterion GP2.1

Continuing on from the AIHW's report about the importance of information continuity between providers, this week we look at Criterion GP2.1, Continuous and comprehensive care.

According to the Standards, continuity of care is “when a patient experiences a series of discrete healthcare events as coherent, connected and consistent with their medical needs and personal circumstances.” The value of the therapeutic relationship between patient and practitioner (or, at the very least, practice) cannot be undervalued in this context. Patients who see the same GP over a period of time experience less preventable hospital admissions and emergency department visits. Continuity of care has been shown to contribute to an overall lowering of healthcare costs, increased patient satisfaction, and greater efficient in investigating health problems.

When a patient develops a therapeutic relationship with a practitioner, the patient does not need to remember or recall their health information at each interaction. Family and social history, cultural background, and past health history become known to the practitioner, allowing them to better place the patient's reason for presentation in context. However, familiarity with an individual practitioner does not negate the importance of keeping comprehensive and complete medical records, allowing the patient's preferred practitioner to hand over care of the patient in the practitioner's absence, and to create meaningful referral information for practitioners and services outside the general practice.

Continuity of care is demonstrated in three aspects: informational continuity (which supports the flow of information between healthcare events – this includes robust documentation such as consultation notes and referral letters), management continuity (which is the consistency of care provided to a patient by multiple practitioners), and relational continuity (which is the sense of connection, as described above, between the patient and their doctor).

Practices that are able to coordinate comprehensive care for their patients see better health outcomes for their patients. The range of services patients might access from their preferred practice include healthcare for all stages of life, preventive care, palliative care, after hours care, and home visits, and the provision of this comprehensive care supports management continuity and patient loyalty to the practice. Patients with complex or chronic conditions will particularly benefit from being able to access coordinated comprehensive care services from their preferred practice. This is the model we know as a patient-centred medical home.

To support continuity of care, your practice should have a process in place that allows patients to request their preferred practitioner, taking into account the urgency of their needs, to allow for relational continuity. Where a practitioner is absent, unavailable, or leaves the practice, you should have processes to notify patients to allow them to determine their preferred alternative. In supporting continuity of care between practitioners in the practice, you must demonstrate that your practice has a clinical handover process when clinicians are away or on leave (planned and unplanned), and this should include handover processes for reviewing results and recalling patients. To demonstrate the provision of comprehensive care to your patients, you should have evidence that management plans are documented in patient health records for those patients with complex or chronic health problems, and you might also show the services coordinated by your practice, or provided within your practice, to support your patients' journeys through the healthcare system.

### Useful links:

Standards for general practices 5<sup>th</sup> edition Criterion GP2.1 (<https://bit.ly/30CLOAW>)

## NPS MedicineWise update

NPS MedicineWise are holding a morning event for Registrars at the WA Primary Health Alliance offices on Tuesday, 6 August.

The event is an opportunity to discuss a case study reviewing the management and diagnosis of anxiety disorders.

The event is free and the content is RACGP and ACRRM accredited. A fruit breakfast, tea and coffee will be provided by WA Primary Health Alliance.

Attendance is also available via video link so regional and remote registrars are not excluded from attending.

For more information, including registration, please visit <https://bit.ly/2Z35FZH>.

## Accessing cervical screening information on the NCSR

Cervical screening healthcare providers without a Medicare provider number are now able to access participant information for the National Cervical Screening Program through the National Cancer Screening Register (NCSR).

If a cervical screening healthcare provider does not have a Medicare provider number, they are now able to request a Register Identifier number from the NCSR and once verified, will be able to more easily access participant information.

How to request a Register Identifier number:

Healthcare providers can either complete the Register Identifier number request form available at <https://www.ncsr.gov.au/> or call the NCSR contact centre on 1800 627 701 and provide the following information:

- full name
- clinic/practice name and phone number

Further information on the process can be found by visiting <https://bit.ly/2YRT1MU>. If you have any questions, contact the NCSR on 1800 627 701.

## WA Healthy Weight Action Plan released for consultation

The State Government of WA has released its very first WA Healthy Weight Action Plan for consultation.

The plan is a “map for action” to support those people who are at risk of becoming, or who currently are, overweight or obese, to achieve better health.

Along with improved service coordination and building healthy work environments, one of the key goals of the plan is to change the way in which we talk about weight, and to end the shame, stigma and bias associated with being overweight.

You can read the draft action plan by visiting <https://bit.ly/30y0TU5>.

# Middle East respiratory syndrome and the Hajj (9 to 14 August)

Approximately 3000 Australians travel to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia each year for the annual Islamic pilgrimage (Hajj). The Kingdom is experiencing an ongoing outbreak of Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS), associated with infections in healthcare facilities and exposure to camels and camel products.

MERS is a viral respiratory illness caused by MERS coronavirus, has a high fatality rate (approximately 35 per cent) and typically presents with fever and respiratory illness. People with existing health conditions (e.g. elderly, immunocompromised or those with comorbidities) are at a higher risk of becoming very unwell or dying due to MERS. Travellers are advised to consult their doctor before travelling to discuss the risks and decide whether travelling to the Middle East is appropriate at this time.

Reducing risk of MERS infection should be discussed with all travellers, it is recommended to:

- avoid close contact with sick people and sick animals
- wash hands regularly, take particular care when visiting places where animals are present
- avoid consuming raw or undercooked camel products, e.g. meat, urine and milk
- people with existing health problems should avoid all contact with camels

Information for travellers, health professionals, the public, and about border measures protecting Australians is available on the Department of Health website <https://bit.ly/30wrv83>

Health professionals are urged to remain vigilant for returned travellers with possible MERS in the months following the Hajj and manage suspected cases appropriately (MERS is a notifiable disease). Information for GPs is available by visiting <https://bit.ly/30AuDQ6>.

For practitioners, HealthPathways WA provides information on notifiable diseases (<https://bit.ly/2GhK8oG>).

## My Health Record update

### Pharmacist Shared Medicines List explained – national launch webinar

The Australian Digital Health Agency will be hosting a national launch webinar for all healthcare professionals on My Health Record – new Pharmacist Shared Medicines List (PSML) explained.

As a healthcare provider, soon you and your patients will be able to view a list of all Pharmacist Shared Medicines Lists that have been uploaded to a My Health Record. This is a list of medicines the consumer is known to be taking including prescribed, over-the-counter (OTC) and complementary medicines at the time the list is created. Allergies and adverse drug reactions information will also be included within a PSML.

The PSML will improve information sharing between health professionals, ensure continuity of medicine management for patients who transfer between care settings, and provide timely access to a curated medicines list. It will also help to reduce medicine interactions, which will help to improve both medicine safety and patient safety.

All healthcare providers and support staff are welcome to attend this webinar.

- Date:** Tuesday 30 July 2019  
**Time:** 11.00am – 12.00pm (AWST)  
**Venue:** Online (join via your computer)  
**Cost:** Free  
**Register:** To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2Lt1ana>

## Education and training

Visit our Webinars & Workshops page at [www.practiceassist.com.au](http://www.practiceassist.com.au) for the events calendar.

### Type 1 Diabetes Education event – 16 July

You are invited to the Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre for an update on the latest information regarding the management of Type 1 Diabetes along with the opportunity to tour the facilities available to your patients and their families.

Find out more about

- new technologies
- updates on current research
- Hypoglycaemia prevention strategies
- dietary strategies
- sick day diabetes management

**Date:** Tuesday 16 July 2019  
**Time:** 6.30pm – 8.30pm  
**Venue:** Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre, 11 Limosa Close, Stirling WA 6021  
**Cost:** Free  
**Register:** To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2WQMkxF>

### GPCE Perth – 27 & 28 July

The General Practice Conference & Exhibition (GPCE) <https://bit.ly/2vH47Fy> in Perth is WA's leading CPD event for primary care, and is recognised as one of the most important CPD events on the general practice calendar. GPCE welcomes over 300 healthcare professionals to meet, update knowledge, earn CPD points, and see the latest innovations specific to primary care.

THE GPCE 2019 program has been designed to suit the changing needs of all primary care professionals, with high quality CPD content in four categories.

#### Practice

These sessions will allow you to update and refresh knowledge, get the latest clinical education, earn CPD points and gain confidence, whilst focusing on practical, simple, useful tips and takeaways.

#### Business

If your focus for 2019 is improving your business, these sessions will cover the foundations of practice, profitability, team, risk, reputation, systems, operations and more!

#### Life

Turning the stethoscope round to you! If 2018 has taken the stuffing out of you, these sessions will focus on personal health and well-being, work-life balance, time management, communication skills and more.

#### Curiosity

Feed your curiosity and learn more about what's new now and what's coming. Covering technology, research, and what others are doing, these sessions are guaranteed to inspire.

**Date:** Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 July 2019  
**Time:** 8.15am – 4.45pm (education sessions)  
**Venue:** Crown Perth Convention Centre, Great Eastern Highway, Burswood WA 6100  
**Cost:** Please visit <https://bit.ly/2LZMj5g> for delegate admission costs  
**Register:** To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2w3gHRs>

## Better Questions Workshop – 8 August

Do you want to make a bigger difference in people's lives by enabling them to manage their own health, wellbeing and lifestyle choices? The Better Questions workshop offers highly effective communication strategies and practical tips that will enable you to enhance your communication skills and professional practice.

**Date:** Thursday 8 August 2019  
**Time:** 9.00am – 3.30pm  
**Venue:** The Boulevard Centre, 99 The Boulevard, Floreat WA 6014  
**Cost:** \$330 per person  
**Register:** Please visit <https://bit.ly/2HzUKPm> to download the flyer and registration form

## Workshop - Team Care of the Bariatric Patient – 10 August

On Saturday 10 August the Clinical Training and Evaluation Centre (CTEC) is holding its Team Care Bariatric Patient Workshop. This multidisciplinary workshop is suitable for General Practitioners, Nurse Practitioners, Practice Nurses, Consultants, Trainees, Junior Doctors, Anaesthetists, Nurses, Dietitians and Allied Health Professionals.

The workshop will be presented by a team of highly regarded specialists in the fields of general practice, surgery, dietetics, and psychology. The workshop will cover co-morbidities associated with obesity, recommendations for referral to specialists and allied health professionals, considerations relating to adolescent and elderly patients, and factors affecting fertility and pregnancy in the perioperative bariatric patient. This activity has been allocated 40 Category 1 RACGP QI&CPD points.

For more information, please access the flyer by visiting <https://bit.ly/2FL09TH>.

**Date:** Saturday 10 August 2019  
**Time:** 8.55am – 4.15pm (registrations from 8.40am)  
**Venue:** CTEC, UWA, Entrance No. 2, Hackett Drive, Crawley  
**Cost:** \$295 (Doctors), \$245 (Nurses / Allied Health Professionals), \$185 (Medical Students)  
**Register:** To register, please visit <https://www.ctec.uwa.edu.au/>

## GP Education Event: Shared Care – 17 August

Presented by North Metropolitan Health Service and Sir Charles Gairdner and Osborne Park Health Care Group in partnership with WA Primary Health Alliance and HealthPathways WA.

This event will focus on some areas of healthcare where a collaborative, shared approach between hospital clinicians and GPs will improve patient outcomes.

Presentations will be brief, interactive and case-based.

Final details are still being confirmed, but topics are anticipated to include mental health and other chronic diseases.

**Date:** Saturday 17 August 2019  
**Time:** 8.30am – 3.30pm (registrations from 8.00am)  
**Venue:** Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, East & West Joske Rooms, Hospital Ave. Nedlands  
**Cost:** Free (morning tea and lunch provided)  
**Register:** To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2XjZ7bj>  
**RSVP:** By Friday 9 August



## Spirometry Training Course (Northam) – 24 August

Brought to you by the National Asthma Council Australia as part of the Asthma Best Practice for Health Professionals Program

The Spirometry Training Course provides comprehensive training in the application, measurement and interpretation of expiratory spirometry in general practice. The interactive workshop includes hands-on components to allow participants to apply their new knowledge in a practical setting.

This complimentary course is open to GPs and practice nurses.

**Date:** Saturday 24 August 2019  
**Time:** 8.30am – 4.00pm  
**Venue:** Bilya Koort Boodja Centre, Minson Ave, Northam  
**Cost:** Free  
**Register:** To register and for more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/2XLKKNO>

## GP Update: Tackling issues of aging and life-limiting illness – 31 August

Presented by East Metropolitan Health Service in partnership with WA Primary Health Alliance and HealthPathways WA.

Program topics include:

- Better bones: Optimising Osteoporosis management
- Better breathing: How can we halt the progression of COPD?
- Better beating: What's new to help manage Chronic Heart Failure?
- Using HealthPathways to navigate aged care and advance care planning
- Working with your local Aged Care Services to help your patients stay at home
- Delirium, Dementia and Can I drive, Doc? case studies
- Are you confused by confusion?
- What are "Goals of Patient Care?"
- Encouraging end-of-life conversations to help plan future care (Workshop)
- Questioning capacity? When and where to refer

For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/2JzvsTH> to view the flyer.

**Date:** Saturday 31 August 2019  
**Time:** 8.00am – 3.30pm  
**Venue:** Old Victoria Square Café, Royal Perth Hospital, Cnr Murray St and Victoria Square, Perth  
**Cost:** Free  
**Register:** To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2YUuCq1>

## Hepatitis C in Primary Care & Drug and Alcohol Settings Education Program – 31 August

People who inject drugs represent approximately 90% of newly acquired hepatitis C (HCV) infections. Clinicians in Drug and Alcohol settings play an important role in improving the health outcomes of people living with HCV and can reduce a patient's risk of developing advanced liver disease through early diagnosis, appropriate management of co-morbidities, and treatment with new, curative, Direct Acting Antiviral medication (DAAs).

This course is designed to strengthen the capacity of clinical staff working in drug and alcohol settings, or working with people who inject drugs, to effectively test for, treat, and manage HCV. The course will be delivered in three parts:

- online learning modules
- interactive face-to-face workshop
- resources and toolkits to enable confident prescribing of new DAAs

For more information, please download the flyer by visiting <https://bit.ly/2RLeV1F>

**Date:** Saturday 31 August 2019  
**Time:** 8.45am – 4.30pm (registrations from 8.30am)  
**Venue:** TBC  
**Cost:** Free (lunch and refreshments will be provided)  
**Register:** To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2XmAVG8>

## Use of Ultrasound in Rural Emergency Medicine – 31 August

The Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine presents this ultrasound workshop offering an introduction and instruction on the use of Ultrasound in Emergency Medicine, trauma, and critical care for the rural generalist or general practitioner with minimal experience in using ultrasound in practice.

A major feature of this workshop is the 'hands-on' practice using live patient models, guided by highly experienced clinical application specialists, sonographers, and clinicians. This course has been designed to cover more common situations that may arise in the Emergency Department, in practice, or basic anaesthetics. Content may vary course to course dependent on the particular skills of the clinical facilitator.

**Date:** Saturday 31 August 2019  
**Time:** TBC  
**Venue:** Novotel Perth Langley, 221 Adelaide Terrace, Perth WA 6000  
**Cost:** \$795 (ACRRM members), \$1,015 (non-members)  
**Register:** To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2Qbqggh>

## ACNP National Conference – 2 to 5 September

The Australian College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP) is holding its National Conference in Melbourne from 2 to 5 September 2019.

The ACNP Conference is a fantastic opportunity to bring together Nurse Practitioners, Advanced Practice Nurses and Health Professionals. As the flagship event for the Australian College of Nurse Practitioners, the theme 'Transforming Health Care' recognises the dimensions of practice and contribution made by Nurse Practitioners and Advanced Practice Nurses across Australia.

**Date:** Monday 2 September to Thursday 5 September 2019  
**Time:** 8.30am – 5.00pm daily  
**Venue:** Pullman Melbourne Albert Park, 65 Queens Rd, Albert Park VIC 3004  
**Cost:** For more information, including costs, please visit <https://bit.ly/2HzW2tG>  
**Register:** To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2HuvwmR>

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Health Day for GPs and Practice Nurses – 7 September

This year's event will be a full day session covering a range of women's health topics including:

- recognising eating disorders in general practice
- the top 10 things you need to know about breast density
- understanding Trans Health
- Advance Health Directives in pregnancy
- managing menopause
- Ovarian cancer: what's new
- sexual health – STI update

For more information please download the flyer by visiting <https://bit.ly/2FE84SP>

**Date:** Saturday 7 September 2019  
**Time:** 8.30am – 4.00pm  
**Venue:** Trinity on Hampden, 230 Hampden Rd, Crawley WA 6009  
**Cost:** \$20  
**Register:** To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2XDCaQG>

## Australasian Sexual Health Conference & Australasian HIV&AIDS Joint Conference – 16 to 19 September

The Australasian Sexual Health Alliance (<https://bit.ly/30xRkFM>) seeks to use the Australasian Sexual Health Conference (<https://bit.ly/2Hvnev7>) to achieve its purpose of acknowledging and building on the specific expertise of sector partners in our common aims of improving national and local responses to sexual health in Australasia, in supporting and collaborating with close neighbouring countries to achieve these objectives.

The Australasian HIV&AIDS Conference (27th Annual Conference of the Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine - <https://bit.ly/2JRHqJc>) is the premier HIV Conference in Australia and the Asia and Pacific region. The annual conference is run by ASHM (<https://bit.ly/2Qb2bR6>) as a platform for the dissemination and presentation of new and innovative research findings across the Australasian HIV sector.

**Date:** Monday 16 September to Thursday 19 September 2019  
**Time:** 7.00am – 5.00pm daily (please visit <https://bit.ly/2LVkfju> for the program)  
**Venue:** Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, 21 Mounts Bay Rd, Perth WA 6000  
**Cost:** Please visit <https://bit.ly/30ukSDU> for information on delegate costs  
**Register:** To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2JOLZnn>

## AAPM National Conference – 1 to 4 October

The 2019 AAPM National Conference will once again be filled with a range of dynamic and inspirational speakers, workshops and its social events, as well as a celebration of AAPM's 40th Anniversary! Join AAPM for another exciting conference and celebrate as they acknowledge 40 years of the Australian Association of Practice Management.

**Date:** Tuesday 1 October to Friday 4 October 2019  
**Time:** Please visit <https://bit.ly/2VNj0HZ> for the conference program  
**Venue:** Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Merivale St and Glenelg St, South Brisbane  
**Cost:** Early bird registration prices available – please see registration page  
**Register:** To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2YE9HXM>

## RMA19 – 23 to 26 October

Rural Medicine Australia (RMA) is the peak national event for rural and remote doctors of Australia. Hosted by the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) and the Rural Doctors Association of Australia (RDAA), RMA attracts a diverse and collaborative community of junior doctors, students, educators, academics, and medical practitioners who are passionate about generalist medicine in rural and remote communities.

**Date:** Wednesday 23 October to Saturday 26 October 2019  
**Time:** Please visit <https://bit.ly/30wvaDN> for the conference program  
**Venue:** The Star Gold Coast, 1 Casino Drive, Broadbeach QLD 4218  
**Cost:** Please visit <https://bit.ly/2HHa78T> for delegate costs (early bird available until 31 May)  
**Register:** To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2HHa78T>

## GP19 – 24 to 26 October

GP19: *Your patients Your community Your solutions* (<https://www.gp19.com.au/>) will see a transition into a full clinical update conference. With an exciting new format delivering dynamic education with a focus on topics that affect GPs in their clinical settings. You will also experience an extensive array of hands-on, interactive and highly engaging sessions with take away skills to implement in your everyday practice.

**Date:** Thursday 24 October to Saturday 26 October 2019  
**Time:** Please visit <https://bit.ly/2EkPTkj> for the conference program  
**Venue:** Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000  
**Cost:** Please visit <https://bit.ly/2WhAfjK> for delegate costs (early bird available until 1 August)  
**Register:** Registrations open shortly

## ARMED Annual Review of Metabolism, Endocrinology and Diabetes – 2 November

Presented by Fiona Stanley Hospital and Diabetes WA in partnership with WA Primary Health Alliance and HealthPathways WA.

Workshops and presentations include:

- Type 2 Diabetes Management in the modern era
- Workshop: Evaluation and practical measures for patients "at risk" of Type 2 Diabetes
- Workshop: Managing the patient with newly diagnosed Type 2 Diabetes
- Workshop: Goals and therapies for the patient with multiple complications and risks
- Workshop: Foot disease in Diabetes
- Cardiovascular risk and Type 2 Diabetes

**Date:** Saturday 2 November 2019  
**Time:** 8.30am – 4.00pm (registrations from 8.00am)  
**Venue:** Education Building, Fiona Stanley Hospital, 11 Robin Warren Drive, Murdoch  
**Cost:** Free (morning tea and lunch provided)  
**Register:** To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2XjZm6c>  
**RSVP:** By Friday 25 October

## Health promotion events

The Department of Health produces a Health Calendar of Events, which can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/2ExBdi7>.

### 28 July is World Hepatitis Day

World Hepatitis Day 2019 is on Sunday 28 July 2019, with the aim of raising awareness around viral hepatitis and the impact it has worldwide. The theme for World Hepatitis Day 2019 is “Find the Missing Millions”, with a focus on finding people living with hepatitis who are undiagnosed and linking them to care.

With effective viral hepatitis treatments available to help manage hepatitis B and cure hepatitis C, Australia is leading the way to a future without viral hepatitis. However, an estimated 233,947 Australians are living with chronic hepatitis B (CHB) and 182,144 with chronic hepatitis C (CHC), at risk of preventable deaths from cirrhosis and liver cancer. With close to have a million Australians living with chronic hepatitis B and C, it is likely that there is someone who attends your practice living with hepatitis. It is vital for primary care providers to know the risk factors, test and diagnose people living with hepatitis, to enable treatment to start early enough to halt serious liver damage.

Resources for healthcare providers can be found on the Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine website <https://ashm.org.au/news/world-hepatitis-day-2019/>.

Extensive resources have been developed to support participation in World Hepatitis Day 2019, and these can be accessed by visiting <http://www.worldhepatitisday.org/>.

Coming up soon...	
Be MedicineWise Week	19 – 25 August
Dementia Awareness Month	September
Asthma Week	1 – 7 September
Women’s Health Week	2 – 6 September
World Suicide Prevention Day	10 September