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New agreements for WA practices sharing data

General practices in Western Australia that currently share data with WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) will shortly be receiving new data sharing agreements (DSA), which must be signed and returned as part of a practice's eligibility for a PIP QI payment in this first quarter.

With the introduction of the PIP Eligible Data Set, and the need for the PHN to communicate with the Department of Health about practices for the purpose of the PIP QI incentive, it was necessary for WAPHA to update its existing Memorandums of Understanding to reflect the changes.

To streamline the process, the new DSA will be delivered electronically to practices via the secure DocuSign system, allowing you to sign and return the DSA without printing and posting or faxing (although the system does allow you to print the document, should you prefer to do so).

It is anticipated that the new DSA will be issued by Monday, September 16, and should be returned to WAPHA by Tuesday, October 8, 2019. This leaves us sufficient time before the end of the eligibility period (October 14) to resolve any issues.

If you have any questions once you have received the new DSA, please contact your Primary Health Liaison or Facilitator for more information.

PIP ID reminder

Practices are reminded that, to ensure we can notify the Department of Health of your eligibility for a PIP QI payment in this first quarter, we *must* have your Practice Incentives Program Practice ID (PIP ID) recorded. This number is the unique identifier that will link the information we have on file for you to your practice information at the Department of Human Services (DHS). Your PIP ID should be recorded on all correspondence you receive from the DHS in relation to the Practice Incentives Program.

The easiest way to provide us with your PIP ID is to complete our WAPHA PIP QI form (found by visiting <https://bit.ly/2VHdiY7>). It is vital that, if you have registered for PIP QI with DHS, or if you intend to participate in PIP QI in this first quarter, you provide us with your PIP ID immediately.

Please note that your PIP ID *may* be different to your PNIP ID (if you are participating in PNIP), so please ensure that you provide us with the number that appears on **PIP** correspondence.

Information and data security resources from the RACGP

With an increased number of practices now sharing data for the purposes of the PIP QI, we remind our readers that the RACGP provides an extensive suite of resources designed to support general practices in understanding and managing processes and concerns relating to the security of health information.

The College has developed a range of guides and templates that can be used by general practices to establish robust procedures for managing health information, and improving the knowledge of the practice team, enabling them to better explain to patients how the practice ensures the security of their information.

A recent addition to the resources is *Using personal mobile devices for clinical photos in general practice* (<https://bit.ly/2m10qU2>). With an increasing number of practices using mobile phones and other devices to take and send clinical photos, this guide is designed to support providers to manage these images in a manner that is legal, safe, and ethical.

Practice Assist has collated the RACGP resources, as well as publications from the Australian Digital Health Agency and the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, to enable easy access to all relevant information. These resources can be found by visiting <https://bit.ly/2m9TfAF>.

Latest Incentives News Update now available

The August edition of the Incentives News Update is now available, and includes information about the PIP QI, the incoming Workforce Incentive Program (due for implementation at the beginning of 2020), changes to the Australian Immunisation Register, and other relevant news.

The update can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/2m8OFCB>. If you do not already subscribe to receive the Incentives News Update notification, you can do so by visiting <https://bit.ly/2ZX4Qlu>.

New RACGP fact sheet: Online appointment systems

The RACGP has released a new fact sheet summarising the benefits of implementing an online appointment system for your practice, and questions you might ask about your practice and its team prior to selecting and introducing online appointments.

As with any transition to an electronic system, it is important to consider your patient cohort, and whether it is reasonable to expect all patients to have the ability to interact with the system. For most practices, it will be important that there is still the capability for patients to make bookings without using the online system.

When selecting an online appointment system, it is recommended that you consider a range of providers, and the cost and features of each one, to ensure that you select a system that enhances the productivity and patient experience of your practice.

The RACGP fact sheet can be found by visiting <https://bit.ly/2IUBXHk>.

MBS Quick Guide for September now available

Australian Doctor continues to update its MBS Quick Guide with the latest Medicare Benefits Schedule information.

The Quick Guide is easily downloadable, and can be printed should you wish to provide copies to your practitioners and other practice staff.

The September MBS Quick Guide can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/2m8UZtO>.

Head to Health website for consumer mental health resources

On this World Suicide Prevention Day, it is a timely opportunity to remind practices of the availability of Head to Health (<https://bit.ly/2i2bLsD>). Head to Health is a collaboration between the Australian Department of Health, the community, and the mental health sector, creating a place where people can find digital mental health services from some of Australia's most trusted mental health organisations.

Head to Health brings together apps, online programs, online forums, and phone services, as well as a range of digital information resources. Resources can be filtered by different patient cohorts, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, those living in rural and remote Australia, children, the elderly, and LGBTI people, to provide access to information that is relevant to the concerns of those consumers.

While the website is directed at consumers, healthcare providers are encouraged to be familiar with the website as another method they can recommend for their patients to access mental health support.

New immunisation laws: No Jab, No Play

On 22 July 2019, changes to the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA) and the *School Education Act 1999* (WA) came into effect that will help to increase vaccination rates of children in Western Australia (WA) and better protect the community from vaccine preventable notifiable infectious diseases.

Under these new changes, the child's immunisation status must be 'up to date' according to their AIR Immunisation History Statement (<https://bit.ly/2OoweHK>) to be permitted to enrol into long day care, family day care, pre-kindergarten or kindergarten.

How you can assist

- Ensure all vaccinations provided are recorded in the AIR; that way a child's AIR Immunisation History Statement will be kept up to date, and the child will be able to enrol into child care services or kindergarten programs.
- If a child is following an approved catch-up schedule, provide a copy of the child's AIR immunisation history form (<https://bit.ly/2K9gnY3>) advising the child is on a catch-up schedule to the parent/guardian, who will then need to provide it to the child care service or kindergarten for enrolment purposes.
- For special circumstances only, advise parents/guardians about the Chief Health Officer (CHO) immunisation certificate, and apply on behalf of the child. The Chief Health Officer can issue an immunisation certificate on a case by case basis, where the CHO is satisfied that but for a special circumstance, the child's immunisation status would be 'up to date.'

The doctor may advise a Public Health Physician within the Communicable Disease Control Directorate of why the child is 'not up to date'. The doctor may make this advice by email to immunisation@health.wa.gov.au or phone 9222 2486.

In this advice, the child's doctor needs to

- request an immunisation certificate for the child for the purposes of meeting immunisation requirements for enrolment in a child care service or kindergarten program; and
- provide the child's first name, last name, date of birth, Medicare number, parent/guardian contact details, advice on the child's special circumstance and why the child is 'not up to date'.

CHO will then assess the case, and if satisfied that but for that special circumstance the child's immunisation status would be up to date, issue an immunisation certificate for the child for a period specified in the certificate, or if no period is specified, for an indefinite period.

Better Health Program Term 4 commences

The Better Health Program is a free, ten-week health lifestyle program for kids aged 7 to 13 who are above a healthy weight. The program is funded by the WA Department of Health, and is led by qualified health professionals.

The Term 4 schedule for Perth metropolitan areas is now available, and can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/2IHVquO>. For more information and answers to frequently asked questions, please go to <https://bit.ly/2IF1B2X>.

Accreditation tip – triage

RACGP Standards for general practices 5th ed (Indicator GP1.1B)

Triage is a vital process in general practice. The word triage comes from the French word *trier*, which means “to sort or separate”. This is what the triage process seeks to achieve: it sorts your patients into categories based on urgency of need, allowing you to deliver the right level of care within the appropriate period.

Triage is integral to the safety of patients, as well as staff, and a key focus from both an accreditation and medico-legal perspective. It is important to remember that all members of the practice team must understand the triage process used in the practice, as although triage will always occur upon the patient presenting at or calling reception, it could also happen anywhere in the practice, including managing a sudden deterioration, or having access to a clinical team member to determine the severity of a situation if a non-clinical team member is unsure of the patient’s needs.

All members of the practice team must know how the practice identifies patients with urgent medical needs, identifies emergencies and manages appointments accordingly, seeks medical assistance from a clinical team member, and deals with patients with urgent medical needs when the practice is fully booked. Ideally, triage training will be provided to all staff, focussing particularly on ensuring administrative staff have the necessary skills to effectively triage patients. This includes telephone triage: a caller should never be put on hold without being asked whether they are able to hold, and the practice team member who answers the call should be ready to record the details of the caller, and to transfer the call to a clinical team member if the call turns out to be urgent.

For practices preparing for accreditation, you must ensure you have evidence of how you prioritise patients according to urgency of need. You might display a triage flowchart at reception and in other areas of the practice, have triage guidelines available for reception staff, and provide triage training for staff (evidence could be provided via a training log or certificates of completion in the staff personnel files). During the survey visit, your staff might be asked to demonstrate how they manage the appointment system if an emergency must be accommodated, and discuss how they work with the clinical team to seek advice about, and manage, patients with urgent needs. Staff may also be observed answering the phone and checking that the caller is able to be put on hold (if necessary) while assessing the urgency of concurrent calls and face-to-face presentations.

For your patients, it is worthwhile displaying signage that explains (in simple terms) some Category 1, 2 and 3 symptoms, about which practice staff must be alerted immediately, and that patients should also alert reception staff if their condition deteriorates while waiting. You may also wish to advise patients that they will be assessed for the potential to infect other patients and practice staff, and may be asked to use personal protective equipment (such as a mask) or to move to another area if their symptoms indicate that there is the potential for cross-infection. Assisting patients to book consultations appropriate to their needs will help you maintain your appointment schedule, and it is good practice to notify patients when an emergency has been accommodated that may impact their appointment times. Ensuring that your practice team members have all completed CPR training within the last three years also supports them in being able to confidently handle emergencies within the practice.

Useful links:

RACGP *Standards for general practices 5th ed* Criterion GP1.1B <https://bit.ly/2BvnlmU>

New RACGP report on views and attitudes of general practice towards physical activity and nutrition counselling

In May of this year, the RACGP Shaping a Healthy Australia team conducted the *National physical activity and nutrition counselling survey*, exploring views and attitudes about physical activity and nutrition counselling in Australian general practice.

The College has now released the results in its *Views and attitudes towards physical activity and nutrition counselling in general practice: National survey report 2019*. Key findings indicate that most GPs consider it their role to give physical activity and nutritional advice to their patients, and that they are ideally placed to do so.

The Shaping a Healthy Australia project aims to support GPs, general practice registrars and practice nurses by:

- encouraging behaviour-change in their patients regarding healthy eating, physical activity and lifestyle
- developing tools and resources for them to effectively encourage patients to adopt positive lifestyle changes, particularly those with high risk factors
- ensuring they develop the knowledge, skills and confidence in physical and nutritional literacy via training and continuous professional development.

The report can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/2m8S3NP>, and more information on the outcomes and associated resources can be found by visiting <https://bit.ly/2k06PWI>.

Chronic pain management project and survey

GPs who treat patients with chronic pain are invited to participate in a project about chronic pain management in general practice. This will involve a one-on-one interview with our GP researchers to share your experiences of managing patients with chronic pain including any challenges you have encountered, as well as your insights on what makes for good management of chronic pain in general practice.

Participants will be partially compensated for the time taken for the interview with a payment of \$150 plus GST. The interview will take a maximum of one hour and will occur at a time and place which is convenient to you.

The research is being conducted through the Division of General Practice at the School of Medicine at the University of Western Australia. This study is supported by funds received from the RACGP Chris Silagy Scholarship Grant.

For further information about this study please contact Dr Lucy Gilkes at the University of Western Australia on lucy.gilkes@uwa.edu.au.

All current research and survey opportunities can be found by visiting the Practice Assist website page at <https://bit.ly/2IINo4T>.

Benzathine penicillin now available for the doctor's bag

Providers are advised that Benzathine benzylpenicillin (Bicillin L-A) is now on the Emergency Drug Supply Schedule (Prescriber Bag). The Prescriber Bag is designed to ensure certain drugs (or particular forms of a drug) are available without charge to prescribers who can, in turn, supply them free to patients for immediate administration or emergency use.

The addition of benzathine penicillin (<https://bit.ly/2m7RML4>) makes it much easier for GPs to treat patients with syphilis, and is important in view of increasing syphilis rates across the whole of WA (please see the following article), especially in the remote regions (<https://bit.ly/2m1HCeL>).

The Prescriber Bag supplies order book form is available from the Department of Human Services by visiting <https://bit.ly/2jo8aIS>.

Sexually acquired syphilis and congenital syphilis in WA: an RACGP webinar

Currently, there are three “outbreaks” of infectious syphilis in Western Australia, two of which are in metropolitan Perth. This webinar provides an update on the disease and explores the current outbreaks of infectious syphilis in WA.

The webinar covers:

- the clinical features of syphilis
- an overview of the syphilis epidemiology in WA, showing the three current outbreaks
- presentation of three recent cases in metro Perth

The webinar can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/2koMx9n>.

Additionally, a podcast is available, in which Dr Donna Mak discusses the symptoms and presentations of syphilis, as well as testing, diagnosis, and treatment. The podcast can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/2kBLPWg>.

My Health Record update

The Australian Digital Health Agency has recently released a series of webinars targeting a wide range of healthcare providers. Topics for these new webinars include *How My Health Record can be a voice for your patients*, *What's new in My Health Record*, and *Leveraging My Health Record to improve practice workflow*. Additionally, there are webinars for providers coordinating care for patients with mental health conditions, for specialists, and for hospital pharmacists.

All webinars can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/2SB5pxD>.

Australian Indigenous Health/InfoNet launches new eye health resources

The Australian Indigenous Health/InfoNet, in collaboration with The Fred Hollows Foundation, has launched a series of knowledge exchange tools about eye screening and care. These new resources provide a broad overview of the screening services available for eye health and outline the roles of various professionals such as regional eye health coordinators, optometrists and ophthalmologists. Each product has been designed as a useful tool for health workers and practitioners working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, to assist in understanding the eye care journey.

This series of knowledge exchange products includes:

- a fact sheet for a comprehensive summary of eye screening and care (<https://bit.ly/2m0Wweem>)
- an “in brief” fact sheet for quick, easy-to-digest bites of information (<https://bit.ly/2kCollQ>)
- a short animated video offering educational information (<https://bit.ly/2m37MxH>)

Free webinar

To complement the release of these eye health resources, the Australian Indigenous Health/InfoNet and The Fred Hollows Foundation will host a webinar featuring a special guest presenter Dr. Kristopher Rallah-Baker, Australia’s first Indigenous ophthalmologist. The webinar, titled *Eye screening and care: treatment pathways and professional roles along that pathway* (<https://bit.ly/2m7WKHF>), will take place at 10:00am – 12:00pm (AWST) on Wednesday 25 September 2019 and will include a Q & A session with Dr Rallah-Baker. Participants are invited to register their interest prior to the event with webinar organiser Tamara Swann t.swann@ecu.edu.au

Improving outcomes in atopic dermatitis: recorded webinar

In Vivo Academy has made available a recorded webinar for GPs titled IMPACT: Improving outcomes in atopic dermatitis. This 90 minute webinar was developed in collaboration with the Australasian College of Dermatology, and is accredited for three Category 2 RACGP QI&CPD points, or two Core ACRRM PDP points. The webinar can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/2IIMmG3>.

Also available is a one hour online learning module, accredited for two Category 2 QI&CPD points, or one Core PDP point. This learning module can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/2INveyP>.

Education and training

Visit our Webinars & Workshops page at www.practiceassist.com.au for the events calendar.

Rural Health West Rural Emergency Assessment Clinical Training (REACT) – 14 & 15 September (Broome)

The Rural Health West CPD REACT workshop is designed to assist Western Australian Visiting Medical Practitioners to maintain their emergency knowledge and skills, and gain formal assessment toward their emergency credentialing, as required by the WA Country Health Service. Covering cardiac arrest, major trauma in both adults and children, and associated lifesaving procedural skills, REACT is a highly interactive workshop.

Date: Saturday 14 September and Sunday 15 September 2019
Time: 8.00am – 5.00pm
Venue: TBC
Cost: \$2,200 (inc GST)
Register: For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/32YVFCO>

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>

The Advance Project GP & Practice Team education event – 17 September (Mandurah)

WA Primary Health Alliance is working with Hammond Care to support WA general practices to implement a team-based approach to initiating advance care planning and palliative care into everyday clinical practice.

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

Date: Tuesday 17 September 2019
Time: 4.30pm – 8.00pm
Venue: Mandurah Quay Resort, 40 Marina Quay Drive, Erskine WA 6210
Cost: Free (light meal provided)
Register: For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/2zn2iRS>

GP Hubs: Supporting your patient in a complex system - 17 September

Presented by East Metropolitan Health Service in partnership with WA Primary Health Alliance, this is an aged care case study education event for GPs, nurse practitioners, practice nurses, practice managers, and allied health professionals.

Learning outcomes include:

- How to identify and better manage older patients with co-morbidities in the community
- Access local specialists and allied health to better manage people with co-morbidities in the community with the support of a multidisciplinary team
- Describe how to navigate My Aged Care

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

Date: Wednesday 18 September 2019
Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Venue: Meeting Room 10, Level 2, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, 21 Mounts Bay Rd, Perth
Cost: Free (light catering and refreshments provided)
Register: For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/33X4Kg1>

Satellite GP Education Event “all about syphilis and gonorrhoea” – 18 September

This is a free satellite education session as part of the 2019 Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Conferences.

Date: Wednesday 18 September 2019
Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Venue: Meeting Room 10, Level 2, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, 21 Mounts Bay Rd, Perth
Cost: Free (light catering and refreshments provided)
Register: For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/2MXmQbD>



Immunisation and Cancer Screening education sessions – September / October

Join WA Primary Health Alliance and its partners for the bi-annual Immunisation and Cancer Screening update for general practice staff.

The sessions are designed to be interactive, and presenters from Metropolitan Communicable Disease Control, WA Cervical Cancer Prevention Program, and BreastScreen WA will be available to answer questions from attendees. There is no cost for attendance, and participants will receive a certificate of attendance via email after the event.

To register for any one of the events, please visit <https://bit.ly/341aFR6>, or view the flyer by visiting <https://bit.ly/322oflr>.

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 17 September	12.00pm – 3.00pm	WA Primary Health Alliance Rooms 6 & 7, 2 – 5, 7 Tanunda Drive Rivervale
Wednesday 18 September	9.00am – 12.00pm	Connolly Community Centre 5 Glenelg Place, Connolly
Wednesday 9 October	9.00am – 12.00pm	Fiona Stanley Hospital FSH Education Centre, G7 Ground Floor 14 Barry Marshall Place, Murdoch
Thursday 10 October	9.00am – 12.00pm	Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre 11 Limosa Close, Stirling
Friday 11 October	9.00am – 12.00pm	The Rise 41a Great Northern Highway, Middle Swan
Tuesday 15 October	9.00am – 12.00pm	Secret Harbour Surf Lifesaving Club Secret Harbour Boulevard, Secret Harbour
Wednesday 16 October	9.00am – 12.00pm	Frye Park Pavilion Clifton St, Kelmscott



Autism Training WA: Medical Sector – 18 September

The Autism Association of Western Australia is partnering with the WA Health Sector and has developed training packages and resources to increase Autism awareness within the health sector.

The ultimate aim of this initiative is to improve access to health care and the health outcomes for individuals with Autism, in line with the WA Disability Health Framework 2015-2025, and the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Date: Wednesday 18 September 2019
Time: 6.00pm – 8.30pm (registrations and refreshments from 5.30pm)
Venue: Autism Association of WA, 215 Stubbs Terrace, Shenton Park
Cost: Free
Register: For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/2KvMX7Y>

The Advance Project GP & Practice Team education event – 21 September (Rivervale)

WA Primary Health Alliance is working with Hammond Care to support WA general practices to implement a team-based approach to initiating advance care planning and palliative care into everyday clinical practice.

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

Date: Saturday 21 September 2019
Time: 8.00am – 11.30am
Venue: WA Primary Health Alliance, 7 Tanunda Drive, Rivervale WA 6103
Cost: Free (light meal provided)
Register: For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/2KT0QgF>

Rural Psychiatry and Mental Health Forum – 21 September

This forum is part of the WA Country Health Service and Rural Health West Resident Specialist and Procedural GP Education Series. The one day Rural Psychiatry and Mental Health Forum 2019, will include lectures, interactive discussions and sessions delivered concurrently over the day and facilitated by experienced specialists. The forum will provide an opportunity to network with fellow colleagues.

Date: Saturday 21 September 2019
Time: TBC
Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton Perth, 100 James St, Northbridge
Cost: \$550 forum registration excluding accommodation
Register: For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/2yoBccx>

Pharmacology Updates Part 2: Special considerations in psychopharmacological prescribing – 1 October

Topics include

- the conundrum of paediatric psychopharmacology
- psychopharmacology in neurodevelopmental disorders
- an introduction to addiction pharmacology

For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/2U6khFF> to view the flyer.

Date: Tuesday 1 October 2019
Time: 8.30am – 1.00pm
Venue: Perth Children's Hospital, Level 5 Training Rooms 1 (East) and 2 (West)
Register: To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2HsQECh>

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>

Autism Training WA: Medical Sector – 2 October

The Autism Association of Western Australia is partnering with the WA Health Sector and has developed training packages and resources to increase Autism awareness within the health sector.

The ultimate aim of this initiative is to improve access to health care and the health outcomes for individuals with Autism, in line with the WA Disability Health Framework 2015-2025, and the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Date: Wednesday 18 September 2019
Time: 6.00pm – 8.30pm (registrations and refreshments from 5.30pm)
Venue: Autism Association of WA, 215 Stubbs Terrace, Shenton Park
Cost: Free
Register: For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/2YYIToV>

Otitis Media Management Program – 4 October

The Otitis Media Management Program is designed to develop knowledge and skills required for a range of health professionals and others working within Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander Health to safely assess the aural health of individuals and implement best practice management guidelines.

The one-day workshop includes lecture and practical workshop activities involving condition recognition, ear health assessment, otoscopy and digital video otoscopy, as well as a range of basic, point-of-care hearing assessments.

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

Date: Friday 4 October 2019
Time: 8.45am – 4.30pm
Venue: Technology Park Function Centre, 2 Brodie-Hall Drive, Bentley WA 6102
Cost: Free
Register: To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2IJzi34>

Diabetes Update for Health Professionals – 10 October

Diabetes WA is offering a diabetes update for health professionals working within a hospital, medical practice, community health or aged care setting. The training will provide participants with an increased understanding of diabetes and the services available to their patients. Training is suitable for GPs, enrolled nurses, registered nurses, allied health professionals, and pharmacists.

For more information, please go to <https://bit.ly/2m18DPp> to view the flyer.

Date: Thursday 10 October 2019
Time: 9.00am – 5.00pm
Venue: The Boulevard, Floreat
Cost: Free
Register: To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2ILARqX>

Otitis Media Management Program – 11 October (Bunbury)

The Otitis Media Management Program is designed to develop knowledge and skills required for a range of health professionals and others working within Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander Health to safely assess the aural health of individuals and implement best practice management guidelines.

The one-day workshop includes lecture and practical workshop activities involving condition recognition, ear health assessment, otoscopy and digital video otoscopy, as well as a range of basic, point-of-care hearing assessments.

For more information, please go to <https://bit.ly/2m62i9x> to view the flyer.

Date: Friday 11 October 2019
Time: 8.45am – 4.30pm
Venue: Mercure Sanctuary Golf Resort, Lot 100 Old Coast Rd, Bunbury WA 6230
Cost: Free
Register: To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2IJzi34>

Rural Health West Neonatal Emergency Care (NEC) – 17 & 18 October (Esperance)

This Rural Health West CPD workshop provides obstetric teams with the necessary skills to effectively manage problems which may occur during neonatal delivery and postnatal care. Covering neonatal resuscitation, ventilation, chest compression, endotracheal intubation and medications, the workshop also considers ethical questions and how lessons learned can be implemented to improve care in a local setting. Information and teaching is delivered via seminars, case studies, practical hands-on sessions and also mega code scenarios involving the entire resuscitation team.

Date: Thursday 17 October and Friday 18 October 2019
Time: 8.00am – 5.00pm
Venue: TBC
Cost: \$440 (midwives), \$660 (GPs, GPOs)
Register: For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/2GARzr4>

Rotto Ramble – 18 to 20 October

Rotto Ramble is a unique two-day event where participants test their medical skills and knowledge responding to simulated emergency scenarios in an 'Amazing Race' style' on the beaches and tourist hot spots of Rottnest Island. Participants work as a team to diagnose, stabilise and save the lives of the 'casualties' under the guidance of specialist emergency physicians from WA's hospital emergency departments.

Date: Friday 18 October and Sunday 20 October 2019
Time: Rottnest Ferry departs 4.30pm Friday
Venue: Rottnest Island
Cost: \$220 per person
Register: For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/2MqUR3O>

Course in Tympanometry – 22 October

The Course in Tympanometry is designed to provide skills and knowledge for a range of health professionals and others working within Aboriginal and / or Torre Strait Islander health to undertake tympanometric screening and tympanometry.

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

Date: Tuesday 22 October 2019
Time: 8.45am – 4.30pm
Venue: Technology Park Function Centre, 2 Brodie-Hall Drive, Bentley WA 6102
Cost: Free
Register: To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2IJzi34>

Course in Tympanometry – 24 October (Bunbury)

The Course in Tympanometry is designed to provide skills and knowledge for a range of health professionals and others working within Aboriginal and / or Torre Strait Islander health to undertake tympanometric screening and tympanometry.

For more information, please go to <https://bit.ly/2IG995v> to view the flyer.

Date: Thursday 24 October 2019
Time: 8.45am – 4.30pm
Venue: Mercure Sanctuary Golf Resort, Lot 100 Old Coast Rd, Bunbury WA 6230
Cost: Free
Register: To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2IJzi34>

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: To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2SYP3A0>

The Advance Project GP & Practice Team education event – 26 October

WA Primary Health Alliance is working with Hammond Care to support WA general practices to implement a team-based approach to initiating advance care planning and palliative care into everyday clinical practice.

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

- Date:** Saturday 26 October 2019
Time: 8.30am – 12.00pm
Venue: Greenwood Hotel Function Room, 349 Warwick Rd, Greenwood WA 6024
Cost: Free (light meal provided)
Register: To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2k8tJuJ>

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

Rural Health West Emergency Airways Skills Management (EAM) – 15 November (Port Hedland)

This Rural Health West CPD workshop is designed to assist health professionals to develop and practice skills essential in unexpected crises, particularly with problem airways. Delivered in WA Country Health Service facilities, this workshop has a heavy emphasis on teamwork and the organisation of medical emergency teams incorporating presentations, skill stations and scenario-based crises with simulation manikins (SimMan and baby).

Date: Friday 15 November 2019
Time: 8.00am – 4.00pm
Venue: TBC
Cost: Free
Register: For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/2LNURVI>

Rural Health West Obstetric Emergencies (OBS) – 15 November (Albany)

This workshop teaches participants how to effectively manage obstetric cases and emergencies and how to make appropriate decisions.

Date: Friday 15 November 2019
Time: 8.00am – 4.00pm
Venue: TBC
Cost: Free
Register: For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/3129fUb>

Rural Emergency Assessment Clinical Training (REACT) – 20 & 21 November

The Rural Health West CPD REACT workshop is designed to assist Western Australian Visiting Medical Practitioners to maintain their emergency knowledge and skills, and gain formal assessment toward their emergency credentialing, as required by the WA Country Health Service. Covering cardiac arrest, major trauma in both adults and children, and associated lifesaving procedural skills, REACT is a highly interactive workshop, with participants predominantly involved in practical skill stations and simulated scenarios.

Date: Wednesday 20 November and Thursday 21 November 2019
Time: 8.30am – 5.00pm
Venue: TBC
Cost: \$2,200 (inc GST)
Register: For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/2OrIXtg>

Australasian Doctors' Health Conference – 22 & 23 November

The Doctors' Health Advisory Service (DHAS) of Western Australia (WA) has great pleasure in inviting you to join them at the 2019 Australasian Doctors Health Conference (ADHC) in Perth on 22 and 23 November 2019.

These conferences have been held biennially in Australia and New Zealand for nearly 20 years, with 2019 being the first time the event will take place in WA.

The theme is the important topic of “***Creating a Healthy Workplace***”. This will be relevant to doctors at all stages of their career, from medical students, to doctors in training, to doctors established in their chosen career.

Date: Friday 22 November and Saturday 23 November 2019
Time: 9.00am – 5.00pm Friday and 9.00am – 1.00pm Saturday
Venue: Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, 46-54 Marine Terrace and Essex St, Fremantle
Cost: Please visit <https://bit.ly/2Yqc5ow> for registration costs
Register: For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/3317qsm>

Health promotion events

Today is World Suicide Prevention Day

World Suicide Prevention Day (<https://bit.ly/2ZnD2pb>) is organised by the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP), and the purpose of the day is to raise awareness around the globe that suicide can be prevented. Suicide prevention remains a universal challenge. Every year, suicide is among the top 20 leading causes of death globally for people of all ages. It is responsible for over 800,000 deaths, which equates to one suicide every 40 seconds.

The IASP has a list of suggested initiatives (<https://bit.ly/2YkYN8E>) to actively educate and involve people to share information about suicide and suicide prevention. WA Primary Health Alliance is also leading three Suicide Prevention Trials in Western Australia, and you can learn more by visiting <https://bit.ly/2U1RDFX>.

16 - 22 September is Dementia Action Week

Formerly Dementia Awareness month throughout September, this year Dementia Australia is bringing you Dementia Action Week (<https://bit.ly/2lrzQnn>), including World Alzheimer's Day on 21 September.

The theme for Dementia Action Week is Dementia doesn't discriminate. Do you?

Dementia Australia is inviting the community to join in a conversation about discrimination and dementia. There will also be a survey later this month to gain important insights into this issue.

You can create or attend events to play a part in the conversation about discrimination and dementia during Dementia Action Week. Perhaps you'd like to host a morning tea, a gathering of family and friends, a display in your community, or a creative event.

To get involved, please visit <https://bit.ly/2YHzP8t>.

Coming up soon...	
World Heart Day	29 September
Breast Cancer Awareness month	October
International Day of Older Persons	1 October
World Mental Health Day	10 October