

Practice Connect

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COVID-19 Support and Resources for General Practice

In light of this week's lockdown and the upcoming rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination, we would like to remind you of the support and resources available to your practice.

The WA Primary Health Alliance are pleased to support you by:

- Supplying surgical masks for general practices, community pharmacies and allied health practices with a demonstrated need; complete the mask request from [here](#)
- Providing regular updates on the [COVID Vaccine Rollout](#)
- Keeping you informed of current COVID-19 clinical and practice management pathways via HealthPathways including
 - [COVID-19 Requests](#)
 - [COVID-19 Impact on Local Services](#)
 - [COVID-19 Assessment and Management](#)
 - [COVID-19 in Residential Aged Care Facilities](#)
 - [COVID-19 Practice Management](#)
- Providing answers to [frequently asked questions](#) in relation to COVID-19
- Providing support to General Practice by telephone [1800 2 ASSIST](#) or email through practiceassist@wapha.org.au

The Australian Government Department of Health has:

- Published the first version of Frequently asked questions relating to the general practice EOI process for [Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine roll-out](#).

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COVID-19 Support and Resources for General Practice (cont...)

Western Australian Department of Health information:

- Published the [latest advice and updates on COVID-19](#) for health professionals including clinical guidelines, alerts, infection control and vaccination
- The Coronavirus information helpline 13 COVID (13 268 43)
- Guidelines on [face covering](#) directions including exceptions for eligible persons/activities

Setting up a contact register – COVID-19

While general practices are not among those businesses required by the WA Government to maintain a contact register, they are encouraged to do so.

The WA Government has provided a [SafeWA guide for business](#) that includes the necessary steps to set up a contact register.

To ensure inclusive access, businesses opting to use the app must also have a manual method of registering visitor details, such as a paper-based register. The WA Government has developed a [suggested format for businesses](#) to use for paper-based registers.



Stay up to date with COVID-19 Vaccine Developments

ATAGI advice released regarding influenza and COVID-19 vaccines

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has provided advice about influenza and COVID-19 vaccines which aims to provide guidance for immunisation program coordinators and immunisation providers on the relative timing of scheduling and giving influenza vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines in 2021. The advice is available on the [Department of Health](#) website and will be updated as new information becomes available.

Recording - Preparing for COVID-19 Immunisation webinar

The *Preparing for COVID-19 Immunisation* webinar is a panel discussion aimed to provide GPs and providers with information about the rollout strategy at both a state and national level.

Topics included: the role general practices will play, operational considerations, vaccine safety and efficacy, the state rollout plan and the expression of interest process.

Recorded on Thursday 28 January, and hosted by Geraldine Mellet, the panel discussion featured Dr Richard Choong, Professor Paul Effler and WAPHA General Manager Bernie Kenny.

To watch the recording please click [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccination Training Program

In preparation for Australia's vaccine rollout, authorised immunisation providers must complete COVID-19 vaccination training. This will ensure our workforce is competent in the safe management and administration of COVID-19 vaccines.

The Australian Government has partnered with the Australian College of Nursing to develop and deliver free and accredited training modules.

Training will also be available for non-clinical and administration staff. They will be able to access the non-clinical modules of the training such as handling, storage and administration.

The training modules are expected to be released soon and will be available [here](#)

COVID-19 HealthPathways updates

The following content updates have now been published on the HealthPathways site:

- **COVID-19 MBS Items:**
 - Updated to include information on the COVID-19 Vaccine Specific MBS Items.
- **HealthPathways homepage:**
 - A segment has been added under latest news providing information relating to the COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout.

To access HealthPathways please email the HealthPathways team at healthpathways@wapha.org.au

Out of the starting blocks: COVID-19 vaccination program in Australia - Parts 1 & 2

The National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS) will deliver two COVID-19 Vaccination webinars in preparation for the roll out of COVID-19 vaccines in Australia.

Part 1

Friday 12 February 2021 12:30pm – 2pm (AEDT)

- Find out more about the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine from Dr William C. Gruber, Senior Vice President of Pfizer Vaccine Clinical Research and Development
- Prepare for the roll out of COVID-19 vaccines with information from Australia's leading health authorities

To Register click [here](#).

Out of the starting blocks: COVID-19 vaccination program in Australia - Parts 1 & 2 (cont...)

Part 2

Friday 19 February 2021 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm (AEDT)

- Hear an overview of and update on the Oxford Vaccine Group-Astra Zeneca ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 vaccine from Professor Andrew Pollard, Professor of Paediatric Infection and Immunity, Oxford Vaccine Group, University of Oxford
- Build on understanding of the roll out of COVID-19 vaccines with information from Australia’s leading health authorities.

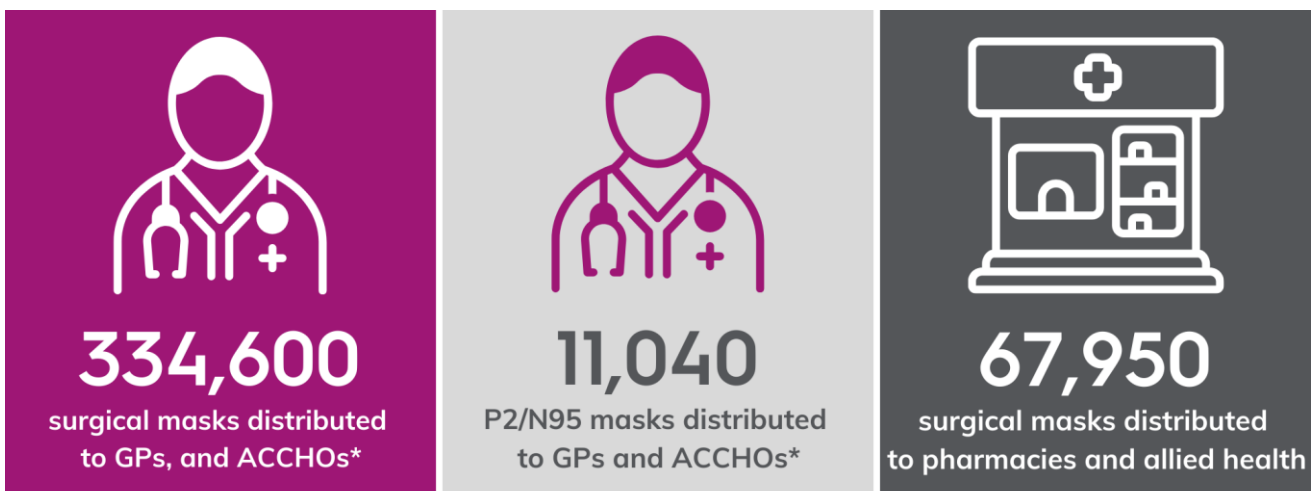
To Register click [here](#).

Allocation of surgical masks from the National Medical Stockpile

WA Primary Health Alliance continues to operate a significant logistical strategy to distribute masks during the COVID-19 pandemic to general practices, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, pharmacies and allied health practices that meet the criteria of the [Department of Health Tranche 4 guidelines](#).

For mask requests, visit the [Practice Assist website](#). Please note, re-orders will not be accepted within five business days (Mon-Fri) of the previous request, except in exceptional circumstances.

Please send all general queries in relation to the National Medical Stockpile to Stockpile.Ops@health.gov.au.



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*Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations

WA Bush Fire Emergency

Many areas to the north east of Perth are in a state of bushfire emergency, with devastating impacts for those communities. WA Primary Health Alliance, along with the Australian Red Cross, WA Department of Communities and St John Ambulance, are supporting the WA Department of Health with the health response.

We are also reaching out to general practices in those areas to see how we can assist them and their patients. More details on this will be available as the situation develops.



Available Resources for Practices

National Bushfire Recovery Agency

The National Bushfire Recovery Agency was established to lead and coordinate a national response to rebuild communities affected by bushfires.

You can stay up to date on the services and assistance you may need to rebuild and recover from the bushfire on the [National Bushfire Recovery Agency website](#). This includes support for small businesses provided by this agency which you may not be aware of.

The Australian Government Support for Business website

The Australian Government Support for Business [Help for Australian bushfire affected businesses](#) page has information on support for businesses affected by bushfire. Much of this information is state specific, with links to the relevant information.

Health Pathways

For further information with supporting your patients and staff with their mental health during this time, please also visit the Health Pathways website, which has the following helpful pathways:

- [COVID-19 Mental Health](#)
- [Mental Health Service Requests](#)

Telehealth MBS items

Telehealth COVID-19 MBS items are still available for use. Generally, a telehealth consultation is provided by a patient's usual practitioner, where the patients has been seen in a face-to-face consultation in the previous 12-month period.

As the Perth metropolitan area, Peel and South West WA are currently in a COVID-19 lockdown situation, exemption from the restriction for the patient to have been seen face-to-face within the last 12 months applies. *Please note that if the current lockdown situation ends or is amended this exemption may change.*

More information on Telehealth MBS items, guidelines and patient eligibility can be found at the following:

- [Practice Assist Telehealth Information](#)
- [MBS Online – COVID-19 Temporary MBS Telehealth Services](#)
- [HealthPathways – COVID-19 MBS Items](#)

Disaster Mental Health Hub: Phoenix Australia

Disasters can be very stressful for those directly impacted, as well as those involved in disaster management efforts. Mental health consequences can be experienced in the short and longer term, and health practitioners need to be prepared.

Developed by Phoenix Australia in collaboration with Primary Health Networks and other key partners, the newly launched **Disaster Mental Health Hub website** provides access to free disaster mental health information, resources such as tip sheets and videos, and online training programs.



The Disaster Mental Health Hub has a wealth of information, resources and training to help mental health professionals support individuals, families and communities during the three phases of disaster response: **preparation** (before), **response** (during and immediately after), and **recovery** (medium and longer term). Visit the **website** to explore the fantastic resources.

Supporting medical centre staff resource

The Disaster Mental Hub has also included a timely resource on **Supporting medical centre staff** accessible **here** to assist you with supporting your practice staff during this period.

Webinar: Improving mental health outcomes after disaster

Join Phoenix Australia for an interactive webinar where they will introduce you to the wealth of content on the hub, and a panel of experts will discuss evidence-based strategies for supporting recovery after disaster.

Thursday 18 February 2021, 4-5pm (AEDT)

For further information and to register click **here**.

Australian Psychological Society: Guidelines of psychological support to people affected by disasters

This guideline from the Australian Psychological Society (APS) provides a summary on the three levels of psychological support that can be offered to people affected by disasters.

It is important to remember that the large majority of people affected by disasters have no experience of needing helping agencies or understanding of why they should accept help.

Therefore, care needs to be taken to assist them to become clients of the recovery system and to provide education regarding their needs. Contact with people affected by the disaster should always be non-intrusive.

It is vital that psychological support is integrated with formal coordinated recovery efforts and provided with an understanding of the devastating impact that disasters have on the social cohesion of communities.

View the guidelines [here](#).



Wellbeing support at hand during stressful times for WA general practice teams

Professional and personal pressures can arise for general practice teams at the best of times, let alone during a global pandemic or local bushfire.

To support GPs and practice staff to look after themselves and take the necessary steps to support their wellbeing, WA Primary Health Alliance is offering three free confidential counselling sessions via its Wellness Program.

Provided through AccessEAP, and available to all WA-based general practice staff, the program offers confidential sessions with a counsellor who can offer information and assistance in navigating the COVID-19 response as well as other personal and professional issues.

Issues that can be addressed during counselling sessions include:

- Preparing for major life changes
- Changes at work
- Changes within family (marriage, new baby, divorce/separation)
- Goal setting for professional or personal life
- Developing new strategies for handling stress at work or at home
- Or simply to have someone to speak to about any of life's inevitable challenges

To book a confidential phone or video counselling appointment, you can call AccessEAP anytime on **1800 818 728**.



You will need to identify as a WA Primary Health Alliance member

GPs and practice staff can also contact Practice Assist by calling 1800 2 ASSIST or emailing practice.assist@wapha.org.au with any questions about the program.

For more information please visit the Practice Assist [COVID-19 Well-being and Support](#) webpage.

Practice Assist Resource Library

As part of our support for general practices, Practice Assist maintains a library of useful resources in our [Practice Assist Resource Library](#). These resources range across different topics from GP Accreditation, Practice Incentives Program, to the latest in resources around COVID-19.

Here are some of our new and updated resources:

Clinical Resources

- [Managing Drug Seeking Behaviour \(new\)](#)

Medicare

- [MBS Items Frequently Used in General Practice Cheat Sheet \(updated\)](#)
- [CDM Allied Health Group Services in RACF's \(new\)](#)
- [CDM ATSI Allied Health in RACF's \(new\)](#)
- [CDM Allied Health in RACF's \(new\)](#)
- [CDM GP or OMP in RACFs \(new\)](#)
- [Mental Health Treatment Plans \(MHTPs\) in RACFs \(new\)](#)
- [MBS Attendance Items in RACFs Fact Sheet \(new\)](#)

Nurses in General Practice

- [Nurses in General Practice \(updated\)](#)

Programs and National Schemes

- [AIR Data Quality User Guide \(new\)](#)
- [AIR 010A Report User Guide \(new\)](#)
- [Supporting and understanding delegations in HPOS to enable access to the Australian Immunisation Register \(new\)](#)
- [Recall and Reminder Letter template for cervical screening and follow-up \(new\)](#)
- [Cervical Screening Flowchart \(new\)](#)

General Practice Accreditation

- [Privacy and Confidentiality Agreements \(updated\)](#)
- [Free Interpreting Services for Medical Practitioners \(new\)](#)
- [Retention and Destruction of Medical Records \(updated\)](#)
- [Clinical Handover Policy Template \(new\)](#)

If you have an idea for a new resource or feedback on our current resources, please email practiceassist@wapha.org.au with ideas and comments.

Immunisation & Cancer Screening

New resource: Supporting and understanding delegations in HPOS to enable access to the Australian Immunisation Register

A new resource has been published by the Department of Health, Primary Health Networks (PHN) Immunisation Support Program: [Supporting and understanding delegations in HPOS to enable access to the Australian Immunisation Register](#).

The resource aims to provide support and information for immunisation providers to assist them in understanding delegations in Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) to enable access to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) for nurses and other support staff.

Please note that this resource is also available on the Practice Assist website [here](#).

Reminder - Register for PRODA

From June 2021, all health professionals will be required to access government online services such as the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) and Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) via the new online identity system called 'PRODA' (Provider Digital Access).

Find out more:

- How to register for [PRODA](#),
- Watch a presentation about the PRODA update by Dr Dale Carcione, Epidemiologist, Immunisation Program CDCD. Public Health Statewide Update 19/11/2020: <https://youtu.be/wFv0F16OaWg> [16:19min].

Meningococcal disease and vaccines

This useful [factsheet](#) from the [Melbourne Vaccine Education Centre](#) (MVEC) covers the current recommendations for vaccination against meningococcal disease. Included in the factsheet is an overview of meningococcal disease, the different vaccines available, and the recommended brands and scheduling for different subgroups.

Health Minister Media Release: Australia continues to set record vaccination rates

On 24 January the Minister for Health and Aged Care, Greg Hunt, issued a Media Release saying that Australian families have clearly demonstrated that we are a vaccination nation, with childhood immunisation rates reaching record levels in December 2020. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, parents followed expert health advice and continued to take their children to receive their shots, pushing five-year old vaccination rates beyond the aspirational target of 95 per cent coverage. Australia's immunisation rates are world leading. In fact the December Quarter of 2020 took Australia's coverage rate for five year old children to 95.09 per cent which exceeds the estimated World Health Organisation international average immunisation coverage rate of 86 per cent

The full media release can be read [here](#).

Seqirus Vaccine Update for M-M-R®II and ZOSTAVAX®

The vial presentation of M-M-R®II and ZOSTAVAX® will soon change:

- M-M-R®II and ZOSTAVAX® will change from a pre-filled syringe presentation to a vaccine vial and a diluent in a vial.
- Vaccines will be supplied in single and five-pack presentations.
- Current pre-filled syringe presentation will be available until supply is exhausted, which is anticipated to occur in early 2021.

For further information:

- Refer to the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#),
- The approved product information and reconstitution guides are available from Seqirus Australian [Community Immunity](#) website for further guidance, or
- Contact Seqirus Medical Information on 1800 642 865 or Customer Service on 1800 008 275.

New MumBubVax Website

Tools and resources are now available on the new [MumBubVax website](#) to improve conversations about vaccination between health care providers and expectant parents.

[MumBubVax](#) is a new evidence-based communication package to use in primary care or maternity services. It aims to improve conversations about vaccination between health care providers and expectant parents and provides eLearning modules for providers and a website for expectant parents. The new website can be accessed [here](#).



Important Update - changes to the clinical management of women at Intermediate Risk within the National Cervical Screening Program

Changes to the Guidelines for the clinical management of women at Intermediate Risk of cervical cancer will come into effect from **1 February 2021**. This follows the Cancer Council Australia Clinical Guidelines working party review of national data from the first two years of the renewed program.

A review of the national clinical program data shows that women at **Intermediate risk** whose follow-up test is HPV (not-16/18) positive, Liquid Based Cytology prediction negative, possible or low grade squamous intraepithelial lesion will have a low likelihood of histologically-confirmed high grade squamous intraepithelial lesion (CIN2/3) or worse.

Please note that it is now recommended that:

Women with a 12-month follow up HPV (not-16/18) result with LBC prediction negative, pLSIL or LSIL (Intermediate risk result) should be recommended to undertake a further HPV follow up test in 12 months' time following their previous HPV test instead of referral to colposcopy.

Some groups of women may be at higher risk of harbouring a high-grade abnormality and should be referred to colposcopy if HPV is detected at 12 months, regardless of the LBC result. These include:

- Women two or more years overdue for screening at the time of the initial screen
- Women who identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Women aged 50 years or older

Find out more:

- Visit the [NCSP website](#)
- Read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more on the changes
- Visit the [NCSP Clinical Guidelines online](#) – which will be updated on 1 February 2021

BreastScreen WA has opened its newest clinic at 63 Adelaide Terrace, East Perth

East Perth - Mardalup Clinic is the first BreastScreen clinic in Australia to be co-named with a traditional Aboriginal designation.

Mardalup is a Noongar name and was selected in consultation with local Aboriginal Elders and the Western Australian Museum as this was the traditional name of the location of the new clinic.

East Perth - Mardalup Clinic will replace Perth City Clinic on Murray Street which permanently closed on 27 November 2020 after 25 years of service.

A launch was held on Friday 13 November officiated by the Hon. Alanna Therese Clohesy MLC and the clinic opened to the public for screening on Monday 7 December 2020.

All women aged 50-74 years are invited to have a free screening mammogram every two years. To book an appointment at East Perth - Mardalup Clinic you can book [online](#) or call **13 20 50**.

NPS MedicineWise

NPS MedicineWise Professional Education by video call

NPS MedicineWise accredited, evidence-based education and professional development topics are available to be delivered by video call.

Sessions are free and can be booked via the NPS website for individuals or small groups.



Please visit the [NPS MedicineWise Professional Education](#) page for further information.

Changes to Antimicrobial dispensary labelling

Cautionary advisory Label D is attached by pharmacists to antimicrobials being dispensed. This label will change from “until all used/taken” to “Take for [the number of] days as advised by your prescriber” in the [Australian Pharmaceutical Formulary and Handbook](#) (APF 25) released in January 2021.

The change to labelling for antimicrobials is aimed at supporting the prevention and control of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The label change will reinforce the PBS changes to repeats for antibiotics that the Commonwealth made in April 2020, see further information [here](#).

It is important for prescribers and pharmacists to make patients aware that this new advice to take the antibiotics for the prescribed duration of therapy may be inconsistent with the advice that is currently in Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) for the antibiotic.

More information on Antimicrobial stewardship in primary care can be found [here](#).



National Workforce Survey for Family, Parent and Child Mental Health

The National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health (NWC) is conducting a national workforce survey for family, parent and child mental health. The survey seeks to understand the current levels of awareness and most pressing challenges facing professionals in supporting children’s mental health in their everyday practice.

It will provide a baseline measure for improving the way the NWC supports children’s mental health and meets the needs of professionals working across a range of professionals. Take the 15-minute survey [here](#).

PIP QI: A reminder to Practices

Beginning of quarter

A brief reminder to all practices participating in the Practice Incentives Program (PIP) Quality Improvement (QI) that the quarter commenced on 1 February. To be eligible for this quarter, practices must undertake continuous quality improvement and share data with WAPHA at least once each quarter. If you have any questions, please visit the FAQ page [add link] or speak with your Primary Health Liaison or Comprehensive Primary Care Facilitator.

Digital Health Team - Reminder

The Digital Health Team continue to provide support for all General Practices with access to the HealthDirect Video Calling platform. To setup your clinic with the platform, please [register here](#). Further information on the use of telehealth can be found on [Practice Assist](#).

Practices using Best Practice or Medical Director are now able to start sending electronic prescriptions via their practice software. For further information, please contact the [Digital Health Team](#), or see the resources on the [Best Practice](#) or [Medical Director](#) websites.”

Statewide Telehealth Service Desk changes

In response to the growth in telehealth services and to ensure continuation of quality support, [Statewide Telehealth Service Desk](#) has merged with WACHS ICT Help Desk.

The Telehealth Service Desk email address remains the same Telehealth.Servicedesk@health.wa.gov.au and you can also access the self-service portal on [HealthPoint](#) to log a job.

The new number to call for service is **1800 794 748**.

NEW resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

In collaboration with colleagues the Heart Foundation have recently developed some new resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Pilbara. They would love to hear your feedback about their:

- new 90 second animated [heart check video](#)
- refreshed [heart attack action plan](#)



They are very keen to evaluate acceptability with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community themselves and from all around the country outside the Pilbara, so please share with interested contacts. These resources can also be found on their website hrt.how/Pilbara

They have loaded this heart check animation onto a video brochure for use by [WA health professionals](#) with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients in [primary care settings](#) (such as remote clinics where internet access is an issue). To order a FREE video brochure please contact us at wa@heartfoundation.org.au



Get a heart check

Veteran Health Education Program

Northern Australia Primary Health Limited (NAPHL) have recently developed a free Veteran Health Education Program for GPs, Practice Managers (PMs) and Practice Nurses (PNs).

This education is part of the [Enhancing Primary Health Care for Veterans Project](#) that aims to equip General Practice professionals across Australia with the knowledge, confidence and resources to deliver effective and appropriate health care for defence veterans.

The live online education events have been very successful, reaching GPs, PMs and PNs across Australia.

This education resource was developed by Dr Kerry Summerscales, a GP and recently transitioned defence member, Julie Randall, a Registered Nurse, Practice Nurse and Clinical Researcher and Dr Michael Clements a GP and reservists in the RAAF, and NAPHL Chairman.

For further information and registration click [here](#).



DVA Resources for veterans during COVID-19

The [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) (DVA) is encouraging health providers within the current WA lockdown areas of the Perth Metropolitan Area, Peel and South West regions, who are supporting veterans and their families, to access their website resources on treating veterans during COVID-19.

These resources include information on support services for mental health, prescriptions and pharmaceuticals and shopping assistance.

See [COVID-19 information for healthcare providers](#) on the DVA website for further information.

GP Urgent Care Updates

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 early last year and the impact this had on practice's ability to see patients face to face, including those patients seeking appointments through GP Urgent Care, the State Government of Western Australia and the WA Department of Health agree that extending the GP Urgent Care Network Pilot for three months to allow for additional time to evaluate the pilot. The GP Urgent Care Network Pilot will now be extended until the 30 June 2021.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued commitment to the GP Urgent Care Network Pilot during an extraordinary time.

WAPHA have recently received new 'A Frame' signage for GP Urgent Care practices. These will be available to new practices and as replacements for any damaged ones.

For GP Urgent Care participants, a reminder that all MEDrefer uploads of patients that have presented to your practice for under GP Urgent Care are now due.

Please ensure that prior to upload you check the following, as this is crucial to the pilot evaluation process:

- Correct **date and time** of appointment
- Correct **patient, address, date of birth**
- Correct **diagnosis and treatment**

All training information is available on the WAPHA [GP Urgent Care](#) webpage:

Interested in becoming part of the General Practice Urgent Care Network Pilot?

Any queries please email urgentcare@wapha.org.au or call Cheryl Bell on 0429 126 925

Treating Alcohol and other Drugs in Primary Care (TADPole), Small Group sessions

The Treating Alcohol and Drugs in Primary Care (TADPole) program is funded by the WA Primary Health Care Alliance (WAPHA) with the primary aim of increasing the capacity of the WA primary care workforce to provide alcohol and drug treatment and support.

From February 2021 the TADPole team will be delivering interactive small group lunch sessions for GPs and practice nurses on alcohol addiction and prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, including information regarding parent child attachment from an Aboriginal culturally appropriate framework.

Lunch will be provided for this CPD activity which will attract 2 points as part of the RACGP CPD program.

For further information view the [flyer here](#) for full details and register your interest today!



Health Promotion Events

Health Research Australia – REDFEB

This coming February **Heart Research Australian** invite you to wear RED for someone close to your heart to help keep families together for longer. Whether it's a family member, wife, husband, or that special friend who means the world to you, or in memory of someone you loved who sadly passed away due to heart disease.

REDFEB - Honour those close to your heart. Raise money for life-saving research, raise awareness for heart disease and help keep families together for longer. Getting involved is as simple as wearing red and donating. #wearredanddonate



Teal Ribbon Day

In 2021, Teal Ribbon Day will be held on Wednesday 24 February. It's a day to support Australians affected by ovarian cancer, honour those lost, and raise awareness of this deadly disease to change the story for future generations.

Get involved

- Brochures, Signs and Symptoms Infographics and a Symptom Diary are available to download and use in your practice [here](#).
- For resources to support Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and Teal Ribbon Day click [here](#).

Coming up soon...	
International Asperger's Day	February 18
Teal Ribbon Day	February 24
Rare Disease Day	February 28
National Epilepsy Awareness Month	March 1-31
Hearing Awareness Week	March 1-7

Education and training

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

Webinars

2021 vaccination update: COVID19 and influenza
Presented by RACGP
Tuesday 9 February

Pregnancy & Pre-Existing Diabetes
Presented by Diabetes WA
Tuesday 9 February

What's New in Paediatric Palliative Care: Research and Projects
Presented by PaSCE
Wednesday 10 February

How to grow your medical practice
Presented by RACGP
Wednesday 17 February

Growing your business without undue risk
Presented by RACGP
Tuesday 23 February

Breast Lumps
Presented by RACGP WA
Thursday 25 February

Workshops

Communication Workshop, Eliciting and responding to Emotional Cues
Presented by PaSCE
Wednesday 10 February

Ways of Working with Grief and Loss in Aboriginal Communities
Presented by PaSCE
Monday 15 February

PEPA Palliative Approach to Care for Aboriginal Health Care Professionals - Bunbury
Presented by PEPA
Tuesday 23 February

Virtual JAM (Joint & Musculoskeletal Pain) Session
Presented by BJC Health
Saturday 27 February

Basic Life Support
Presented by RACGP WA
Multiple dates

Managing pain: a team approach
Presented by TADPole
Saturday 6 March

Cervical Screening for nurses
Presented by Sexual Head Quarters (SHQ)
Multiple dates

FPA Certificate in Reproductive and Sexual Health for Doctors
Presented by Sexual Head Quarters (SHQ)
Monday 15 and Friday 19 March

STI and BBV Nursing: Management and Care
Presented by ASHM
Tuesday 16 March and Wednesday 17 March
Tuesday 23 March and Wednesday 24 March

Rural Emergency Advanced Clinical Training (REACT+)
Presented by Rural Health West
Thursday 25 to Friday 26 March

Clinical Update Session – Contraception
Presented by Sexual Health Quarters (SHQ)
Tuesday 23 March

Unplanned pregnancy counselling Training
Presented by Sexual Health Quarters (SHQ)
Tuesday and Wednesday 23-24 March

Toxicological Emergencies Workshop
Presented by Rural Health West
Friday 26 March

Skin cancer for clinicians
Presented by RACGP WA
Friday 26 March

Practice Management Workshop
Presented by Rural Health West
Sunday 28 March

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Education and training

WA Rural Health Conference 2021

Presented by Rural Health West
Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 March

Certificate in Sexual and Reproductive Health (Nursing)

Presented by Sexual Health Queensland (SHQ)
Monday 10 to Thursday 13 May

Contraceptive Implant training for Nurses

Presented by Sexual Health Queensland (SHQ)
Thursday 13 May

Rural Remote Retrieval Weekend 2021

Presented by Rural Health West
Thursday 13 to Sunday 16 May

Rural Anaesthesia Down Under Conference 2021

Presented by Rural Health West
Sunday 13 to Wednesday 16 June

2021 Wound Management Workshops: Rural

Presented by Clinical Design Solutions
Multiple dates (rural WA)

Online Training

NEW – Foundations of Spirometry in Primary Health Care

Presented by APNA

GP Framework for Child Mental Health Assessment

Presented by Emerging Minds

Diabetes in Practice for Nurses

Presented by Diabetes Qualified

COVID-19 Infection Control Training

Presented by Department of Health

Chronic Disease Mgmt Healthy Ageing Program

Presented by APNA

Electronic Prescribing online training

Presented by ADHA