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COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Last week, following advice issued by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI), the national COVID-19 vaccination rollout will be revised in light of concerns about AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine's possible links to an extremely rare clotting disorder.

The current advice from ATAGI states:

- ATAGI have recommended that Comirnaty (Pfizer) is the preferred COVID-19 vaccine for adults under 50 years of age.
- The COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca can be used in adults aged under 50 years where the benefits clearly outweigh the risk for that individual and the person has made an informed decision based on an understanding of the risks and benefits.
- People who have had the first dose of COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca without any serious adverse effects can be given the second dose, including adults under 50 years.

Read the full ATAGI advice [here](#).

Both ATAGI and the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) will continue to monitor the situation closely and WA Primary Health Alliance will provide practices with new information as soon as it comes to hand.

The latest figures from Week 7 of the Australian Government COVID-19 reveal over one million COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered in Australia (1,178,302), nearly half a million (473,578) of those administered in primary care.

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In WA, over 15,000 doses (15,839) have been rolled out in aged care and disability settings and close to 40,000 (39,787) doses have been administered through primary care (general practice, GP respiratory clinics and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services).

This represents an estimated 82 percent utilisation of WA's available COVID-19 doses (the third highest utilisation rate in the country after TAS and the ACT).

Read more the latest Commonwealth update (12 April 2021) [here](#).

WA thrombosis with thrombocytopenia (TTS) case linked to AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine

The Therapeutic Goods Association confirmed on the 13 April there had been a second case of TTS after a woman received the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.

The case occurred in a WA woman in her 40s who is now in a stable condition in hospital.

There have been about 700,000 doses of AstraZeneca given in Australia – meaning there has been a thrombosis event for every one in 350,000 doses.

Read the full update from the TGA [here](#).

Thrombosis – what to look for

Providers should be aware of the warning signs In the rare case of a central venous sinus thrombosis (CVST) developing.

Reported cases of CVST following the AstraZeneca vaccine developed between four to 20 days after vaccination.

In some cases, the symptoms included a persistent headache that did not settle with analgesia, included features of raised intracranial pressure (including headache, confusion and vomiting, neurological deficits and/or seizures.

For more advice read ATAGI's summary of current recommendations [here](#).

Implications for the vaccine rollout after revised ATAGI advice

The Australian Government is working through these implications with the states and territories as an urgent priority.

The AstraZeneca vaccine remains highly effective at preventing death and severe illness among people who have contracted COVID-19 and the incidence of the blood-clotting syndrome is very rare. The programme will be considered and recalibrated to take into account the ATAGI recommendations, with further updates provided as decisions are made.

Pfizer announcement and vaccine contracts

Australia has secured an additional 20 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine, bringing to 40 million the total number of Pfizer vaccines available this year to vaccinate the Australian population, thus reducing reliance on the AstraZeneca vaccine.

Additionally, Australia now has contracts for more than 170 million vaccines. Investment in the portfolio of vaccines is based on advice from the expert Science and Industry Technical Advisory Group, which is continually monitoring and assessing each of the vaccines to ensure that Australia remains well prepared for the rollout when the regulatory health and safety approvals have been granted.

COVID-19 vaccinations for DVA clients

- Arrangements for administering the COVID-19 vaccine to Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) clients are the same as for the general public. This includes arrangements for billing through the Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS). For Medicare-eligible DVA clients, general practices should use the same **MBS item numbers** used for the general public. **DVA clients can therefore use their Veteran Card** as per usual DVA arrangements.
- More detailed information for providers is available on **the FAQ page** on the Department of Health website.

Women and pregnancy

ATAGI is currently reviewing their clinical advice and guidance for health professionals and consumers.

- Clinical trials for new medicines do not typically include pregnant or breastfeeding participants.
- In preparation for vaccine rollout, the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has developed clinical advice for health care providers on the use of COVID-19 vaccines in Australia in 2021 available **online**.

Resources published on the Department of Health website have been updated

- **Patient information on AstraZeneca vaccine and thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome – new document.**
- **Preparing for your COVID-19 vaccination** – updated document
- **AstraZeneca vaccine information sheet** – updated document
- **After your AstraZeneca vaccine** – updated document
- **Pfizer vaccine information sheet** – updated document
- **COVID-19 vaccine consent form** – updated document

The National Centre for Immunisation for Research and Surveillance (NCIRS) is continuing to update further resources and we will provide further updates and these links as soon as they are available. In the context of the national picture as of 28 March, WA's progress was impressive and we continue to work closely with the Commonwealth government's vaccine workforce provider, to maintain and improve systems and processes.

COVID-19 HealthPathways Updates

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

COVID-19 Vaccination Information

Updated resources including:

- Provider guide for obtaining informed consent
- Consent form for COVID-19 vaccination
- Consumer information on the AstraZeneca vaccine
- Information for after your AstraZeneca vaccine.



COVID-19 Vaccination Procedure

- Updated information to "CE note" and "Follow up" section based on updated ATAGI statement (2nd April) on specific clotting conditions being reported after COVID-19 vaccination and on ATAGI's recommendations for the investigation and management of patients who may present with symptoms suggestive of thrombosis associated with thrombocytopenia 4-20 days following AstraZeneca vaccination.
- Added ATAGI statement for consumers on this rare clotting condition.
- Added quick link to Australian Department of Health - Priority Groups for COVID-19 Vaccination Program: Phase 1b for information on eligibility, specifics on underlying medical conditions, proof of eligibility and proof of vaccination.

COVID-19 Telehealth:

Updated to reflect the extension of:

- Temporary MBS telehealth and phone consultation services until 30 June 2021
- Use of a digital image of a legal paper prescription until 30 September 2021.

COVID-19 MBS items:

Updated to reflect the extension of the temporary MBS telehealth and phone consultation services until 30 June 2021.

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

Stay up to date with COVID-19 Vaccine Developments

COVID-19 Vaccination Training Modules - Update

Please see the following notice regarding the COVID-19 Vaccination Training Modules:

- Significant updates have occurred in to the COVID-19 vaccination training program on Friday 9 April.
- Module progress and completion have not been affected.
- You are expected to login and view the new information.
- A summary of the updates can be found in the announcement forum.
- All changes within the modules are identified by 'NEW' in red.

AstraZeneca excess dose policy

The Australian Government Department of Health has published information on AstraZeneca excess doses. This [AstraZeneca excess dose policy](#) is for general practice, including GP Respiratory Clinics and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services

Excess doses are those doses of COVID-19 vaccine which will expire before the next scheduled vaccination clinic/patients booked for COVID-19 vaccine.

Please note that storage advice differs for AstraZeneca vaccine depending on whether it has been pre-drawn into a syringe or remains in the vial.

Where possible practices should aim to minimise excess doses. This can be through batching bookings within a vaccination session to match the number of doses available in a vial.

However, sometimes excess doses will remain at the end of a session, and these doses might expire before the next session is scheduled. For example, this could happen because of cancelled appointments or no shows.

In this case, it is recommended that clinics use the following strategies to prioritise others for vaccination in order to minimise vaccine wastage:

- Maintain a reserve list of eligible patients. These may be patients who have not been able to secure a vaccine appointment or have booked later but could come in at short notice. (Note: If a vial is opened but refrigerated, then the vaccine can still be administered up to 48 hours post opening. Clinics may identify and vaccinate eligible patients within that timeframe, regardless of when they have booked their next vaccination clinic.)
- Use identified excess doses for other patients or staff who fit the eligibility criteria and who are present in the practice.

Where these options are not available, practices should use identified excess doses for other patients or staff who fit the 2A or 2B eligibility criteria. This could include those present around the practice when excess doses are identified, such as those working in other businesses in the same building.

Practices should note and plan for people receiving the excess doses to be able to receive the second dose of the vaccine in due course.

COVID-19 and 2021 influenza vaccines: The how, what, why and when

This webinar was held on 31 March 2021 as part of the 2021 National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS) COVID-19 vaccine webinar series.

View the video of this webinar to:

- learn about the 2021 influenza vaccination program, including suggested relative timing for administration of influenza vaccine with COVID-19 vaccine
- hear an update on the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines in Australia.

You can view the webinar [here](#)

Upcoming webinar: COVID-19 vaccine uptake and acceptance

The next webinar in the 2021 National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS) COVID-19 vaccine webinar series will be focusing on practical advice for improving COVID-19 vaccine uptake and acceptance.

Date: Friday 30 April 2021
Time: 10:30 pm – 11:30 pm WST

In this webinar:

- hear an update on COVID-19 vaccine uptake in Australia
- hear the latest research on Australian attitudes towards COVID-19 vaccines
- learn evidence-based strategies for increasing COVID-19 vaccine acceptance among your patients, colleagues, family and friends.

[Register here](#)

COVID-19 vaccine safety surveillance

The national roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines commenced on 22 February 2021, and AusVaxSafety is conducting active vaccine safety surveillance of the vaccines in use. The vaccines currently being supplied are Comirnaty BNT162b2 (mRNA), sponsored by Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd, and COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca, sponsored by AstraZeneca.

Surveillance data have been provided by Vaxtracker and SmartVax based on surveys sent on Day 3 after the vaccination, and data presented here are from surveys received up to 11 April 2021. These data are updated weekly.

As at 11 April 2021

NO SAFETY SIGNAL DETECTED

295,427 surveys sent Australia-wide
203,989 participants (69% response rate)



AusVaxSafety active vaccine safety surveillance system complements the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) enhanced safety surveillance activities. View the TGA COVID-19 vaccine weekly safety report [here](#). Find out more about how the TGA monitors the safety of COVID-19 vaccines and how you can report side effects on the [TGA](#) website.

Increase in Cold Chain Breaches reported

Please be aware that there have recently been a number of cold chain breaches reported in the Perth metro area. These have been due to a number of issues including power outages, fridge failures and overstocking of fridges (often due to large amounts of flu vaccinations being received)

Please ensure that your practice staff are aware of the importance of vaccine storage management, are familiar with your vaccine management protocol and of the 'Strive for 5' National Vaccine Storage Guidelines.

Please refer to the [National Vaccine Storage Guidelines 'Strive for 5'](#) for information and advice for vaccine storage management for Australian immunisation service providers.



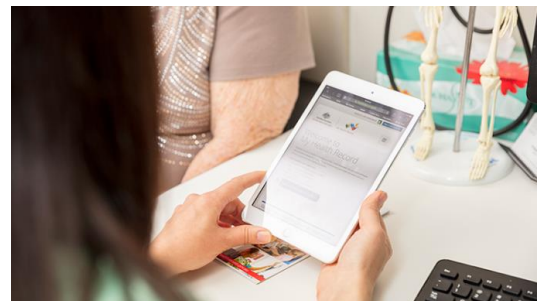
Conveniently access the AIR through My Health Record

My Health Record allows GPs and practice nurses to easily check immunisation history through the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

If your practice is registered for My Health Record you can view the date of your patients' immunisation as well other key information stored within their Australian immunisation history.

The Practice Assist quick reference guide [How to access AIR through My Health Record and find a patient's immunisation history](#) demonstrates how to find your patients' AIR information in both Best Practice and Medical Director.

If you require support for a different type of clinical software, please email the WA Primary Health Alliance Digital Health team via ehealth@wapha.org.au for support or visit the [My Health Record website](#).



2021 Influenza Vaccine Orders Update

WA Primary Health Alliance and WA Health would like to thank all providers for their cooperation regarding the pre-allocation period, and the process has worked well to provide equitable and predictable access to government-funded influenza vaccines for persons aged 65 years and over.

To allow practices to have more flexibility, practices are now able to order influenza vaccines through the standard [WA Health vaccine ordering system](#).

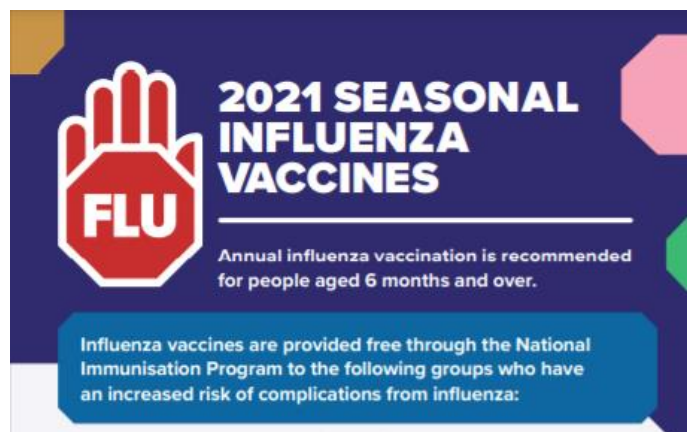
Please be aware, quantity limits will continue to apply to ensure equitable access to all providers, and while all vaccine products continue to arrive at the WA warehouse.

For Further information see [Information for GPs regarding pre-allocation and vaccine ordering](#), visit the [Practice Assist 2021 Flu Vaccination Program](#) page or contact vaccineorders@health.wa.gov.au

2021 seasonal influenza vaccines – eligibility through the National Immunisation Program (NIP)

This new resource from the Department of Health outlines the eligibility requirements for obtaining National Immunisation Program-funded influenza vaccines in 2021. Groups funded under the program include pregnant women, people with cardiac disease and people with chronic respiratory conditions.

The resource can be viewed [here](#).



WAPHA's GP Innovation Grants

\$1,500 grants for IT equipment. Don't miss out, apply now.

Would you like to enhance your practice's digital capability with new information technology (IT) equipment to take part in virtual programs, such as telehealth video consultations, webinars, online meetings and more?

To support general practices across Western Australia, WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) is providing GP Innovation Grants of up to \$1,500 per practice, including GST, for the purchase of information technology (IT) equipment to participate in virtual programs.

Don't miss this one-time-only opportunity to take advantage of WAPHA's GP Innovation Grants, which are being allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

To apply for a grant, log in to the [WAPHA portal](#) and submit the online application form by the closing date of Friday 23 April 2021. If required, email [Practice Assist](#) for log in details.

For more information about WAPHA's GP Innovation Grants and the online application process, view the [fact sheet](#), email [Practice Assist](#) or call 1800 2 ASSIST (1800 2 277 478).



Please note: WAPHA's GP Innovation Grants are designed to assist general practices with limited digital capability. As a result, corporate practices or legal entities with multiple practices can only apply for a grant for a maximum of four of their practices. Corporate practices and these legal entities should contact their head office before they apply for a grant.

NPS MedicineWise Professional Education Virtual Visits

NPS MedicineWise accredited, evidence-based education and professional development topics for GPs are available to be delivered virtually by video call. Sessions are free and can be delivered in 30mins at a time that suits you.

Bookings can be made via the NPS website. We can provide a video link, simple instructions and phone support for practices who haven't tried video calls before.



For further information please visit the NPS Medicine Professional Education website [here](#).

Voluntary Assisted Dying – Update

From 1 July 2021, Western Australians will have access to the Western Australian Voluntary Assisted Dying Statewide Pharmacy Service and the Western Australian Voluntary Assisted Dying Statewide Care Navigator Service.

Western Australian Voluntary Assisted Dying Statewide Pharmacy Service

The Western Australian Voluntary Assisted Dying Statewide Pharmacy Service (SWPS) has been established to ensure the voluntary assisted dying substance is provided in a safe, equitable, and patient-centred manner. The SWPS continue preparations for operationalisation of this service for 1 July 2021. An information sheet on the SWPS is available [here](#) and more information will be made available prior to 1 July 2021.

Western Australian Voluntary Assisted Dying Statewide Care Navigator Service

The Western Australian Voluntary Assisted Dying Statewide Care Navigator Service (SWCNS) has been established to support anyone involved with voluntary assisted dying in WA. Preparations continue in the lead up to 1 July 2021 including the recent appointment of the SWCNS Clinical Nurse Consultant. Recruitment of the Care Navigators is also nearing completion. An information sheet on the SWCNS is available [here](#) and more information will be made available prior to 1 July 2021.

Information resources now available

In February several resources were released and can be accessed on the [WA Health voluntary assisted dying website](#).

Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Conference

An implementation conference for Western Australian health professionals will be held on **Saturday the 22 and Sunday the 23 of May 2021**. To register your attendance for the conference, please click [here](#).

MH Connex Program

The MH Connex program helps connect patients who are experiencing severe and complex mental health issues to the right mental health care at the right time.

It is a recovery-oriented program provided in the community by experienced mental health practitioners.

The mental health practitioner works together with the patients GP to provide emotional and psychological help and connect patients with local support services to actively encourage a recovery journey.

For more information on this service please view the [patient flyer here](#) or [patient brochure here](#).

MHConnex

Accreditation: 5th Standards Resource Guide

The RACGP has published a [Resource Guide](#) that contains supplementary information to the 5th Standards. It is intended to assist practices meet the Indicators in the 5th edition.



A feasibility trial of stratified Cognitive Functional Therapy for high risk neck and back injuries following road traffic crash [Whiplash Trial]

This clinical trial is testing an integrated model of care involving physiotherapy, psychology and GP care, looking at how to help people with neck or back pain after a motor vehicle accident. The research team from Curtin University, University of Queensland, and University of Sydney have provided information for GPs who may have eligible and interested patients experiencing neck or back pain from a recent (< 3 months ago) motor vehicle accident. Please view the [Recruitment Information for GPs](#) flyer for more information, and further patient information is available through the trial website www.integrateclinicaltrial.com. Participation is funded by ICWA and is therefore free for patients.

General practice management of patients following acute exacerbations of COPD: an Australian survey (Monash University)

Investigators from Monash University are conducting a RACGP-funded national survey of GPs regarding the management of patients with acute exacerbations of COPD.

Acute exacerbations of COPD are a leading cause of hospitalisation, with a substantial proportion of cases being potentially preventable. GPs are invited to complete a short survey that aims to better understand current practice and unmet needs in order to optimise care for these patients.

The survey can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Australian primary care clinicians needed for telehealth research study

Researchers from The University of Queensland, Centre for Online Health, are recruiting clinicians (general practitioners, nurse practitioners, and other allied health staff) to participate in a research study on telehealth use in primary care. For further information please view the flyer [here](#).

Extension of Telehealth Services & HealthDirect Video Call System

The Australian Government [announced](#) that it will extend support for telehealth services and care, along with MBS-subsidised telehealth to 30 June 2021.

Along with this announcement, we are also pleased to announce the extension of the healthdirect Video Call COVID-19 GP Program to 31 December 2021. This provides free Video Call access for general practitioners working in private practice and/or Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs).

- The Department of Health has extended the healthdirect Video Call COVID-19 GP Program to 31 December 2021.
- For GPs in private practice wanting to start using the service, please [register](#) your practice. For GPs in ACCHOs wanting to start using the service, please [register](#) for access.
- RACGP CPD accredited training in healthdirect Video Call is now available for your practice

RACGP Accredited Training

In collaboration with the RACGP, healthdirect is offering CPD courses that support GPs and Practice Managers to use Video Call more confidently and effectively. The following free courses are run by healthdirect RACGP Education Activity Representatives:

- **Essential Video Call training 1 hour 2 CPD points for RACGP or 1-hour ACCRM credit**

This module is for GPs new to Video Call and covers the basic functionality of the platform. The course will also suit Practice Managers who may be implementing telehealth into their practice workflows. [Register here for essential training.](#)

- **Advanced Video Call training 1 hour 2 CPD points for RACGP or 1-hour ACCRM credit**

This module covers more advanced use of the platform. The course will also suit Practice Managers and anyone interested in how Video Call can reshape the provision of services to patients or clients. [Register here for advanced training.](#)

For further information, or to register for access to the platform, please contact the [healthdirect Video Call team](#) or the [WAPHA Digital Health Team](#).

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 when booking.

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.

Health Promotion Events

Heart Week is 3 to 9 May – With your help we can make an IMPACT

Heart Week is coming soon, 3 – 9 May 2021! This year, the Heart Foundation is calling on health professionals to start a conversation with their patients about the importance of heart health and routine Heart Health Checks.

Start opportunistic conversations

Make the most out of your vaccination appointments and use the opportunity for increased patient contact to book eligible patients in for a Heart Health Check and other important preventative checks. [Access our Heart Week promotional pack](#) to start the conversation.

Use our new Heart Health Check Toolkit

Use templates and resources from our new Heart Health Check Toolkit to help streamline your delivery of Heart Health Checks and kickstart quality improvement activities. [Browse the Toolkit here.](#)

Join the free Heart Week Webinar

This Heart Week, join international and local CVD experts for an engaging discussion on the latest evidence for CVD prevention in primary care, including an update on coronary artery calcium scoring. [Save your spot for the webinar](#) today.

Further resources for your practice

- ♥ Email the Heart Foundation at wa@heartfoundation.org.au if you would like a Heart Week pack (2 x printed waiting room posters and a sample Heart Health check brochure)
- ♥ Order up to **50 free copies of our brochures** from our online shop .



Coming up soon...	
World Immunisation Week	April 24-30
World Malaria Day	April 25
Art for Epilepsy	May 1-31
Crohn's & Colitis Awareness Month	May 1-31
Tourette Syndrome Awareness Week	May 5-11
World Asthma Day	May 5

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 \(new\)](#)

COVID-19 Resources

- [COVID-19 Checklist Preparing Patients for vaccination at a different location \(new\)](#)
- [COVID19 Vaccination for Nonparticipating practices \(new\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Planning Implementing a vaccination clinic checklist \(new\)](#)
- [Phase 1b COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out through Primary Care Providers – Version 2 updates \(new\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Patient Journey Template \(new\)](#)
- [Medicare MBS Covid-19 Telehealth Services GPs & OMPs \(updated\)](#)
- [Medicare MBS Covid-19 Telehealth Services Nurse Practitioners \(updated\)](#)
- [Medicare MBS Covid-19 Telehealth Services Mental Health \(updated\)](#)
- [Medicare MBS Covid-19 Telehealth Services Chronic Disease \(updated\)](#)
- [MBS Covid-19 Telehealth Services Quick Guide GPs \(updated\)](#)
- [MBS Covid-19 Telehealth Services Quick Guide OMPs \(updated\)](#)
- [MBS Covid-19 Telehealth Services Quick Guide Nursing & Allied Health \(updated\)](#)
- [MBS COVID-19 Vaccine Suitability Assessment Items \(new\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Checklist \(new\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker \(new\)](#)

Digital Health

- [Digital Health Services Fact Sheet \(new\)](#)
- [How to access AIR through My Health Record and find a patient's immunisation history \(new\)](#)

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 RACF's \(new\)](#)
- [Mental Health Treatment Plans \(MHTPs\) in RACF's \(new\)](#)
- [MBS Attendance Items in RACF's 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.

Education and training

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

Webinars

Learn how to assess and manage concussion

Presented by Australasian College of Sport & Exercise Physicians

Multiple dates March to June 2021

Workshops

Cervical Screening for nurses

Presented by Sexual Head Quarters (SHQ)

Multiple dates

Hear No, Smell No, Speak No: Paediatric ENT Update

Presented by FSH and Health Pathways

Thursday 22 April

Automated coaching programs to improve diabetes management

Presented by Connected Health CRE

Thursday 22 April

North Metro Foot Initiative Dinner

Presented by Diabetes WA

Thursday 22 April

Course in Ear and Hearing Health

Presented by The Benchmark Group

Monday 19, Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 April

Course in Ear Canal Microsuction

Presented by The Benchmark Group

Thursday 22 & Friday 23 April

Midwest-Gascoyne Health Professionals Network Launch

Presented by Midwest-Gascoyne Health Professionals Network

Thursday 22 April

With the end in mind: Palliative care and voluntary assisted dying

Presented by Cancer Council WA

Wednesday 28 April

COVID-19 vaccine uptake and acceptance

Presented by NCIRS

Friday 30 April

Pathfinder: Early Career GP Conference 2021

Presented by RACGP

Saturday 1 May

Neurological Emergencies Workshop

Presented by Rural Health West

Friday 7 May

Certificate in Sexual and Reproductive Health (Nursing)

Presented by Sexual Head Quarters (SHQ)

Monday 10 to Thursday 13 May

Contraceptive Implant training for Nurses

Presented by Sexual Head Quarters (SHQ)

Thursday 13 May

Paediatric Emergencies and Clinical Healthcare Scenarios (PEaCHS)

Presented by Rural Health West

Friday 21 May

Toxicological Emergencies

Presented by Rural Health West

Friday 21 May

Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Conference

Presented by WA Department of Health

Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 May 2021

Rural Remote Retrieval Weekend 2021

Presented by Rural Health West

Thursday 13 to Sunday 16 May

Obstetric Emergencies

Presented by Rural Health West

Friday 11 June

Rural Anaesthesia Down Under Conference 2021

Presented by Rural Health West

Sunday 13 to Wednesday 16 June

Education and training

Rural Obstetrics and Gynecology Forum 2021

Presented by Rural Health West
Friday 18 to Sunday 20 June

2021 Wound Management Workshops: Rural

Presented by Clinical Design Solutions
Multiple dates (rural WA)

Joint Australasian Sexual Health and HIV&AIDS

Conferences: VIRTUAL

Presented by ASHM
Monday 6 to Thursday 9 September

Online Training

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

Chronic Disease Mgmt Healthy Ageing Program

Presented by APNA

Electronic Prescribing online training

Presented by ADHA