

Practice Connect

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COVID-19 Primary Care Vaccine Rollout – Phase 1b Bulletin 10 May

The Australian Government Department of Health COVID-19 Primary Care Vaccine Rollout – Phase 1b Bulletin was released on the 10 May 2021.

This bulletin contains key messages from the Department of Health.

Topics include:

- Prioritisation of vaccination for Phase 1 and Phase 2
- Information on the COVID-19 Eligibility Checker and Vaccine Clinic Finder
- Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)
- Training
- Updates to ordering and the COVID-19 Vaccine Administrative System (CVAS)
- In-reach for COVID-19 vaccination for aged care workers
- Adverse Events
- Resources

Click [here](#) to read the full Bulletin.

COVID-19 Eligibility Checker and Vaccine Clinic Finder

All general practices will become visible to those 50 and over who are searching for a vaccination site on the Vaccine Clinic Finder later this week, to allow for people to book appointments from 17 May 2021.

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COVID-19 Eligibility Checker and Vaccine Clinic Finder (cont)

Individuals aged 50 years and older who requested to be notified when a COVID-19 vaccine may be available to them, will receive an email or text later this week to inform them they may now be able to access a COVID-19 vaccine.

We anticipate that this will likely generate increased interest in appointments, and the number of phone calls for sites.

If your profile within the Clinic Finder needs to be updated (opening hours, contact details), please contact [Practice Assist](#) and we will continue to pass the updates on to the Department.



GPs to get increased supplies of COVID-19 vaccines

As part of the recalibration of the COVID-19 Vaccine Program, the Department of Health has reviewed the available vaccine stock and identified opportunities to increase allocations as the vaccine roll-out continues to build momentum, noting that supply is still limited.

- This increase comes into effect immediately for any orders that were placed last week or this week (dependent on where their practice falls into the fortnightly ordering cycle) i.e. a practice that ordered 50 doses last week, will instead receive 150 doses.
- Letters have gone out to participating practices regarding changes to supply outlining:
 - Participating general practices receiving 50 doses per week, will now receive 150 doses per week
 - Participating general practices receiving 100 doses per week, will now receive 200 doses per week
- Primary care vaccination sites have administered more than 1.2 million vaccinations
- General practice has administered more than half the COVID-19 vaccines across Australia
- General practice is leading the rollout of AstraZeneca vaccine to people aged 50 and over and is an integral partner in the delivery of the national COVID-19 vaccination program.

Read Minister Hunt's [full statement](#) here.



COVID-19 Vaccination Training Modules Updated

Significant updates have occurred in the COVID-19 vaccination training program on Friday 30th April and Friday 7 May.

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. You can log-in to the training modules [here](#).



Healthcare worker vaccination clinics - week ending 16 May

State-run vaccination clinics are available to general practice staff age under 50 years to receive the Pfizer vaccination as part of Phase 1b.

Metropolitan

General practice staff can register and book a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination at the following locations using the [Vaccinate WA](#) website and the location's postcode. To access Osborne Park Hospital from 8am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday call 0418 066 610 or 0418 474 368.

Country

General practice staff in regional areas will be able to register for and book a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination at WACHS COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics via VaccinateWA as bookings become available.

Practice Assist has the latest metropolitan clinic dates and locations [here](#).

VOC update (10 May) – Record number of COVID-19 vaccinations administered last week

This week the Vaccine Operations Centre (VOC) news included:

- More than 400,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines were administered around Australia last week which is a record number
- More than 900,000 doses will be distributed around the country this week.

The full update is available [here](#).

Scheduling influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations in 2021

During 2021, both influenza and COVID-19 vaccines are available. A minimum 14-day interval is required between the administration of a COVID-19 and influenza vaccine.

To ensure the best possible protection against COVID-19 and influenza, providers should consider these principles when scheduling influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations for their patients:

- people eligible for COVID-19 vaccination now should get their COVID-19 vaccine first and then influenza vaccine.
- people not eligible for COVID-19 vaccination yet should get their influenza vaccine now and get COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available to them.

Further information is available in the [ATAGI advice on influenza and COVID-19 vaccines](#) and on the [COVID-19 vaccines clinical considerations](#) web pages hosted by the Australian Government Department of Health.



The [influenza chapter](#) within the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#) has also been updated for the 2021 influenza season. Providers should also refer to the latest [ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines in 2021](#).

COVID-19 Vaccines Update - Resources

The Australian Government Department of Health has published the following resources.

[COVID-19 vaccination – Social media content \(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples\)](#)

Here are some examples of social media posts that you could use across your social media platforms. There are also some social media tiles (graphics) that you can use to accompany the posts.

[Videos in your language](#)

Information about COVID-19 vaccines is available in multiple languages. In these videos, health care professionals talk about who is able to get the COVID-19 vaccines and where you can go to receive yours.

[New Easy Read guide](#)

This guide explains the rigorous vaccine approval process in Australia. It is written in an accessible Easy Read format.



In-reach COVID-19 vaccination clinics for residential aged care facility employees

The Australian Government has provided guidance for general practice vaccination providers to administer COVID-19 vaccine in-reach clinics at Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs). The **fact sheet** covers:

- Dose allocation for in-reach clinics (dose allocations are currently being reviewed)
- Funding for in-reach clinics including flag-falls
- Vaccine transportation
- Reporting requirements.

WA Primary Health Alliance is assisting the Commonwealth with the scheduling, reporting and planning of the roll-out within RACFs. Vaccine providers should email racfvaccination@wapha.org.au before and after any in-reach clinics to report:

- The date of the clinic
- Confirmation the clinic was delivered
- The amount of staff vaccinated.

Webinar Recording - Australia's COVID-19 vaccine program reset: navigating safety, acceptance and uptake

This webinar was held on 30 April 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:

- hear an update on the Australian Government COVID-19 vaccine roll out plan and what this means for immunisation providers
- get further information on thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) and AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine
- learn practical strategies for communicating with your patients to increase vaccine acceptance and uptake

View the webinar [here](#).



COVID-19 vaccination – Updated ATAGI guidance

On 7 May 2021, ATAGI release updated version of their [Clinical Guidance on use of COVID-19 vaccine in Australia in 2021 \(V3.0\)](#). This clinical guidance is for COVID-19 immunisation providers and program staff and is based on currently available data. It provides recommendations on the use of the Pfizer (Comirnaty) COVID-19 vaccine and COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca.

COVID-19 HealthPathways Updates

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

COVID-19 Vaccination Procedure

- Added advice on:
 - The timing of second COVID-19 vaccine following COVID-19 infection under Triage and Screening
 - Re-vaccination after dose interruption under Vaccine Administration
 - Testing for immunity after vaccination in Follow-up section.
- Updated Anticoagulation therapy, clotting and bleeding disorders drop box under Assessment to include ATAGI's recommendations on COVID-19 vaccines in patients with previous history of blood clots, risk factors for thrombosis or thrombocytopenia.
- Updated Management of side effects drop box and added link to Thrombosis & Haemostasis Society of Australia and New Zealand (THANZ) resource for guidance on the management of suspected vaccine associated thrombosis (VITT/VIPIT) four to 28 days post vaccination, including decision tree flow chart.
- [COVID-19 Assessment and Management](#), [COVID-19 Child Assessment and Management](#) and [COVID-19 in Residential Aged Care Facilities](#):
 - Added information for clinicians to contact PHEOC if they strongly suspect a patient has COVID-19 or if they see an unwell patient who is a close contact of a case
- [Influenza Immunisation](#)
 - Updated to include changes to the 2021 WA Influenza Immunisation Program.

Newly Localised Pathways

- [COVID-19 Vaccination Procedure](#)
- [Perinatal Mental Health Advice](#)
- [Testosterone Deficiency in Men](#)
- [Hypercalcaemia](#)
- [Problem Gambling](#)
- [Rash in Unwell Children](#)



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

Continued funding for My Health Record

The Australian Government has announced that further funding is to be allocated to support the continued expansion and enhancement of My Health Record alongside an overhaul of MyGov, supporting the ability for consumers to access their personal record. The most recent enhancement to My Health Record is the launch of the **Consolidated Immunisation View**, providing practitioners and consumers with an overview of all current and upcoming immunisation details, including those for COVID-19.

Webinar: My Health Record in Aged Care

The Australian Digital Health Agency and WAPHA are hosting a My Health Record Webinar targeted at the Aged Care sector which is open to all attend.

Webinar scheduled for Thursday May 20, 2021 2.00pm to 3.00pm AWST.

Registration link [here](#)

My Health Record provides access to accurate and relevant clinical information to assist in improving quality of life, care coordination and ultimately reduce potential medication misadventures. This webinar will explore the benefits of using My Health Record and help attendees understand the context for the Royal Commission's recommendations for its use within the aged care sector. This webinar will guide you through how to get connected to the My Health Record system as well as ongoing compliance requirements. Please join WA Primary Health Alliance, the Australian Digital Health Agency and guest speaker for a discussion focusing on how digital health tools, such as My Health Record, can support enhanced models of person-centred care.

Budget boost to Rural Bulk Billing to benefit the bush

The Morrison Government is investing more than \$65 million from 1 January 2022 to boost bulk billing rebates and provide more affordable healthcare for patients in regional, rural and remote areas.

A new, progressive incentive schedule will be applied, that increases the value of the Rural Bulk Billing Incentive (RBBI) based on remoteness.

This will enhance the financial viability of practices in rural and remote areas as well as reducing the gap paid by patients.

The more remote the area based on the Modified Monash model (MM), the greater the incentive payment they will receive per eligible consultation to recognise the greater challenges and cost pressures. Read the full media release [here](#).

NPS MedicineWise update

Free webinar: Demystifying echocardiography in heart failure: GP and cardiologist Q&A



NPS MedicineWise, in collaboration with the National Heart Foundation of Australia, have developed a webinar to explore the important role echocardiography plays in the diagnosis and classification of heart failure. The webinar has been designed to enhance GP awareness of the importance of echocardiogram referral and increase confidence in interpreting and acting on findings when developing a management plan.

The panel will discuss key practice points and common challenges arising in general practice using case scenarios with sample echocardiogram reports.

This activity has been approved for 2 points (CPD Activity) under the RACGP CPD Program for the 2020–2022 triennium (activity: 253551).

For further information and to register, visit the NPS MedicineWise website page [Demystifying echocardiography in heart failure](#).

WAPHA's GP Innovation Grants

Applications closed on Friday 23 April 2021

To support general practices across Western Australia, WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) has provided 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.

Grant applications closed on Friday 23 April 2021. Before purchasing IT equipment, you need to ensure that your practice's grant application has been approved via the [WAPHA portal](#) and an approval email will be received from WAPHA with a purchase order number.

Once your practice receives its approval email, you need to purchase the approved IT equipment and upload a tax invoice from your practice with proof of purchase receipt/s via the [WAPHA portal](#) by **Friday 21 May 2021**.

Please upload your practice's tax invoice with proof of purchase receipt/s as soon as possible to enable WAPHA to efficiently process your grant reimbursement payment.

Should you require any further assistance with submitting your tax invoice to WA Primary Health Alliance to enable your reimbursement to your practice, please email [Practice Assist](#) or call 1800 2 ASSIST (1800 2 277 478).

Parent-friendly influenza vaccination resources from SKAI

Influenza vaccination resources for parents are available from Sharing Knowledge About Immunisation (SKAI). Written specifically for parents, the resources are designed to support their influenza vaccination information needs and guide them in their decision to vaccinate.

1. Available on the [SKAI for Parents](#) and the [SKAI for Providers](#) websites, the resources include:
[general information for parents who are ready to vaccinate against influenza](#)
2. [a Q&A for parents who may have questions about influenza vaccination.](#)



Scholarships to attend the virtual 17th National Immunisation Conference 2021

The Public Health Association Australia (PHAA) and the WA Department of Health are offering scholarships to support WA people to attend the 17th National Immunisation Conference 2021 to be held from Tuesday 29 June to Thursday 1 July 2021 as a virtual conference. The scholarships will be offered to applicants based in WA who may otherwise be unable to attend such a conference.

The biennial National Immunisation Conferences are the peak public health conferences in Australia with the prevention and control of vaccine preventable diseases through immunisation as their focus. Run by the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA), the first conference was held in Canberra in 1987 and over the last 30 years the conferences have grown in stature and influence. The conference theme for 2021 is 'Immunisation in the COVID pandemic era'.

Scholarship Eligibility:

To be eligible, applicants must be individuals who meet the following criteria:

- Live in Western Australia: and
- Early-career staff currently working in immunisation field for less than 5 years; and
- Registration costs not supported by another source (including your employer).

Scholarship Assessment:

A panel of PHAA and WA Department of Health representatives will assess the applications. The Panel's decision is final and scholarships will be made available at their discretion. Applications will be assessed on:

- Anticipated benefits of attending the conference
- Eligibility based on the above criteria

Scholarship Value:

- Registration to attend the virtual conference

Please return completed form to events@phaa.net.au by 11:59pm AEST, Sunday 23 May 2021. Late Applications will not be accepted. View the conference details [here](#).

PC4 General Practice Circle - opportunity for general practice staff to be involved in cancer research

PC4, the Primary Care Collaborative Cancer Clinical Trials Group, is currently recruiting for their General Practice (GP) Circle. The GP Circle is a group of GPs, practice nurses and practice managers interested in providing clinical insight and experience to help shape national research projects. Members review research proposals and provide insight and experience to help shape successful research projects. Members are reimbursed for their time and can choose their level of participation based on their availability and interest.

If you are interested, visit the PC4 GP Circle website [here](#) or contact info@pc4tg.com.au.



Important changes to Gastroenterology ASI at Bentley Hospital

Effective **immediately**, gastroscopies and colonoscopies will no longer be delivered at Bentley Hospital under the Ambulatory Surgery Initiative (ASI) – these procedures will instead transition to direct access endoscopy **only**.

Patients already on the waiting list will not be affected by these changes.

For **new** referrals, Bentley Hospital will no longer accept gastroenterology endoscopy referrals for “out-of-catchment” patients and, as a result, it is anticipated EMHS-catchment patients will have earlier access to direct endoscopy.

The referral process for GPs will still be via the Central Referral Service (CRS). Pending an updated endoscopy referral form, the existing referral form (mentioning ASI) can still be used and CRS will forward referrals of the Royal Perth Bentley Group-catchment patients to RPBG.

Clinician advice - sterilisation wraps shortage

Suggested conservation strategies

The Therapeutic Goods Administering have been informed that due to a global shortage of raw materials, Owens & Minor Global Products Division (halyard), a major supplier of sterilisation wraps in Western Australia, have reduced their supply of sterilisation wraps which will continue for several months.

Due to vendor lead time, alternative products and/or suppliers may not be able to meet immediate demands. Read more [here](#) including the suggested strategies to minimise utilisation.

Advance Care Planning (ACP) in general practice and supporting MBS items

General practices are uniquely placed to support patients with Advance Care Planning (ACP) because of the enduring and trusted relationships that exist between general practitioners and their patients.

Practice Assist has developed a new fact sheet that provides an overview of ACP, Advance Health Directives (AHDs), the Advance Project, HealthPathways WA and the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items which may support ACP in general practice.

To find out more, view the [Advance Care Planning](#) fact sheet on the Practice Assist Resource Library.

A guide for General Practitioners to manage work related injury

As a GP you play a vital role in the rehabilitation and return to work (RTW) of people who have been injured at work, including promoting the health benefits of good work and advising on work capacity. This guide will help you manage the recovery pathway for an injured worker and provide key timeframes to consider within the claims process. Understanding roles and timeframes in the return to work process can assist you to support and outline expectations for your patients.

To clarify the expectations for managing work related injury, Comcare has developed a new national one-page [guide](#), that is relevant to injured workers in all Australian workers' compensation schemes.

The [guide](#) provides an overview of:

- The workers' compensation process and key timeframes
- Statutory function of medical practitioners
- Roles of case managers/RTW coordinators and employer obligations
- Critical elements to successfully complete certificates of capacity.

For more information on your role in the return to work process, visit [Medical practitioners | Comcare](#).

For more information on the benefits of using certificates of capacity and how to complete a Comcare certificate of capacity please visit [Certificate of capacity | Comcare](#).

MBS items for 3GA Programs and MDRAP

The Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) provides specific billable items that may be utilised by non-vocationally recognised medical practitioners who are registered in an approved 3GA program under Section 19AA of the Health Insurance Act, which includes current participants in the More Doctors for Rural Australia Program (MDRAP).

If you would like further information about the MBS items that are available, view the [MBS items for 3GA Programs and MDRAP fact sheet](#) on the Practice Assist Resource Library.

To find out more about the [approved 3GA programs](#), call Rural Health West Permanent Recruitment on 08 6389 4500 or email recruit@ruralhealthwest.com.au

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service – Emergency Telehealth Service

The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (**CAMHS**) **Emergency Telehealth Service (ETS)** provides support for children and young people experiencing a mental health crisis, as well as support and advice to families and carers.

It aims to provide expert help to children and young people quickly, when they need it most.

This includes:

- Mental health advice
- Crisis management
- Assessment
- Referral to the most appropriate service depending on need.

The CAMHS 1800 048 636 urgent mental health line is the entry point to the CAMHS ETS.

For further information please visit the [CAMHS ETS](#) website.



Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019 Implementation 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](#).

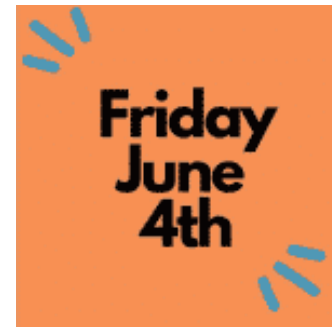
Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Conference

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](#).

Health Promotion Events

Crazy Socks for Docs day is Friday 4 June

Now more than ever do we need to draw together as a profession and support each other as rates of burnout, anxiety, depression and stress reactions increase in doctors across Australia and the world. June is fast approaching, and with it one of the major events in doctors' mental health; 'Crazy Socks 4 Docs' day on **Friday 4 June**. The day has its roots in the experiences of founder and Beyondblue ambassador, Cardiologist Dr Geoff Toogood. His social media campaign; #crazysocks4docs has grown exponentially over the last few years - with doctors, allied health and the general public posting pictures of their socks with the hashtag #crazysocks4docs to social media. The aim of the campaign is to break down the stigma around mental health in doctors; to "Start the conversation, start the advocacy, start the action!".



Rural Health West and the Rural Clinical School take on the Gibb Challenge

Rural Health West and the Rural Clinical School will again undertake the **Gibb Challenge** in 2021 to raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Seven riders (plus two mini-riders) will undertake the hot and dusty 660-kilometre cycle over five days through some incredibly picturesque sections of the Gibb River Road. They kick off on Sunday 16 May in Derby and finish Thursday 20 May at El Questro.

The team has additional sponsorship from the **Doctors' Health Advisory Service WA (DHASWA)** as part of their **Crazy Socks for Docs** competition. We encourage everyone to wear their crazy/odd/weird socks on **Friday 4 June** and post a photo tagged with #crazysocks4docs or #dhaswa to win a fantastic prize of \$600 for accommodation of your choice (for both a Doctor and a Medical Student), or \$600 for a mental wellbeing project for your medical group or team.



Coming up soon...

Lung Health Awareness Month	May 1-31
Crohn's & Colitis Awareness Month	May 1-31
Pneumonia Awareness Week	May 17-20
World IBD Day	May 19
Schizophrenia Awareness Week	May 23-29
National Palliative Care Week	May 23-29

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 & Workshops

Cervical Screening for nurses

Presented by Sexual Head Quarters (SHQ)
Multiple dates

Certificate in Sexual and Reproductive Health (Nursing)

Presented by Sexual Head Quarters (SHQ)
Monday 10 to Thursday 13 May

COVID - 19 Response update for General Practitioners

Presented by The Department of Health
Thursday 13 May

Effective Practice Security

Presented by AAPM
Thursday 13 May

Contraceptive Implant training for Nurses

Presented by Sexual Head Quarters (SHQ)
Thursday 13 May

Culturally responsive care and Blood Borne viruses: Webinar series for WA healthcare workers

Presented by ASHM & WA Health
Thursday 13 May & Thursday 20 May

Rural Remote Retrieval Weekend 2021

Presented by Rural Health West
Thursday 13 to Sunday 16 May

Emerging drug trends: Counterfeit alprazolam and nitrous oxide use in young people – Recognition and management strategies

Presented by RACGP
Wednesday 19 May

Culturally Responsive Health Care for Older Australians

Presented by Mental Health H Professionals Network
Wednesday 19 May

Final Paediatrics Hospital CPD Session 5:

Keeping it Regulated

Presented by SMHS, RGH and WAPHA
Thursday 20 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

Asthma in Spring - Allergies and Thunderstorms (webinar)

Presented by National Asthma Council
Thursday 27 May

Treatment options for patients with uncontrolled hypertension

Presented by RACGP
Tuesday 1 June

Little Lungs - A Paediatric Asthma Update (webinar)

Presented by National Asthma Council
Tuesday 1 June

Initial fertility investigations - First steps when your patient has trouble conceiving

Presented by RACGP / Monash IVF
Monday 7 June

Hepatitis B in Primary Care

Presented by RACGP / ASHM
Thursday 10 June

WA Ear and Hearing Telehealth Forum 2021

Presented by Rural Health West & Partners
Friday 11 June

Education and training (cont)

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

Rural Obstetrics and Gynecology Forum 2021

Presented by Rural Health West
Friday 18 to Sunday 20 June

Curing Hepatitis C in Primary Care

Presented by ASHM
Saturday 26 June

PATHFINDER: Early career GP conference 2021

Presented by RACGP
Saturday 7 August

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

Electronic Prescribing online training

Presented by ADHA

RACGP webinar - Phone and Video consultations

Presented by RACGP