

# Practice Connect

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## PIP QI update

PIP QI continues to be a focus for the WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) Practice Support team as we reach the end of the Incentive's first month.

If your practice intends to participate in PIP QI, but has not yet registered via HPOS, we encourage you to do so immediately. If you are having difficulties with this process, please review our FAQs for a visual guide to registration through HPOS, or contact the Department of Human Services for further troubleshooting.

If you have registered for PIP QI but have not yet informed us, please make sure you contact your Primary Health Liaison or Facilitator (<https://bit.ly/32Cv0f8>) or call Practice Assist on 1800 22 77 47, and let us know you have registered. We will need to confirm that we have your correct PIP ID recorded, and confirm your current data sharing status. You must also ensure that you register for PIP QI (with the Department of Human Services) *prior* to submitting a PIP Eligible Data Set to WAPHA. Data sets submitted before a practice's PIP QI participation has been confirmed will not be considered eligible.

A reminder that practices have until October 15 to successfully submit a PIP Eligible Data Set to WAPHA as part of their eligibility for a Quality Improvement Incentive payment.

Please continue to refer to the Practice Assist FAQs page (<https://bit.ly/2XJVdcF>) for the most current information about PIP QI.

## Shared servers, PIP QI, and data sharing

Practices that currently use a shared server environment will need to consider their requirements for sharing individual data sets as part of the PIP QI. Where practices have individual PIP IDs, but share a server, they will need to submit individualised (that is, per practice) data sets to WAPHA for each of the PIP QI-participating sites to be eligible for an incentive payment.

As there are different ways in which this can be configured, we recommend that, if this situation applies to your practice(s), you contact your Primary Health Liaison or Facilitator as soon as possible to discuss the best way to manage your particular circumstances.

## Changes of practice ownership, amalgamation, and relocation

Practices that are participating in PIP QI, and particularly those utilising PEN CS, need to ensure that WAPHA is advised of key changes to the practice. This includes changes of ownership, amalgamations, relocations, and closures. If your practice undergoes business changes, we may need to re-issue data sharing agreements, re-allocate or recall PEN licences, and / or update primary contact and other practice information to ensure we are managing and maintaining the confidentiality of your practice data, and communicating with the appropriate practice representatives.

The Department of Human Services has defined processes for managing changes of practice details, including forms for *Change of Practice Ownership* IP010 (<https://bit.ly/2Xell5T>), *Change of Practice Details* IP005 (<https://bit.ly/2Ke1cyK>), and *Practice Closure or Withdrawal* IP007 (<https://bit.ly/2MFmNIA>). If your practice undergoes any changes that require you to notify the Department of Human Services for the purpose of the Practice Incentives Program, please let your Primary Health Liaison or Facilitator know also so that we can apply any associated updates to your practice profile with WAPHA.

## What information will WAPHA provide to the Department of Health for PIP QI?

This question is frequently asked of PHNs by practices that are unsure of what information will initially be shared with the Department of Health (DoH) for the purpose of the PIP Quality Incentive payment.

To confirm a practice's eligibility for a quarterly payment, WAPHA will send a report to the DoH which confirms the following details of eligible practices:

- PIP ID
- practice name
- practice address
- date of successful data extract (or technical code relating to an extraction error or other issue)

The DoH will then use this information to authorise payment of the incentive by the Department of Human Services. For more information, please visit our FAQs webpage <https://bit.ly/2XJVdcF>.

## Reminder – new schedule for automated data extractions for WA general practices

A reminder to all practices in WA using PEN CS CAT4 Scheduler that your data extraction will move to the period between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of each month from September onwards. This is to align the automated data extractions with the reporting requirements of the Practice Incentives Program and ensure practices have the best opportunity to achieve a successful extraction within each quarter. Bringing the extraction date forward ensures three extractions are scheduled within the quarter, and allows additional time to address failed extractions while remaining within the eligible period.

Practice processes should not be impacted by this change as Scheduler works remotely to extract data at a time of day convenient to the practice. If your practice does not have Scheduler installed, please review the Practice Assist FAQ website (<https://bit.ly/2XJVdcF>) where there is a question relating to compatible software. If your software is compatible with Scheduler, we recommend you contact PEN CS to discuss installation.

## Recommended schedule for manual data extractions

In concurrence with the changes outlined above to automated data extractions, for those practices that manually extract data, we recommend you utilise a similar schedule, and perform your data extractions towards the start of the month. While you only need one successful extraction per quarter of the PIP Eligible Data Set, you may wish to perform the three extractions per quarter for your own performance analysis, or to ensure that you have back-up data sets.

Remember that data extracted in the last two weeks of the payment quarter will not be considered eligible. For the August – October quarter, extractions must occur between 1 August and 15 October for the data set to be eligible.

## WA Primary Health Alliance Immunisation and Cancer Screening education sessions

In partnership with North Metropolitan Health Service, BreastScreen WA, and Cancer Council WA, WA Primary Health Alliance would like to invite general practice staff to its bi-annual Immunisation and Cancer Screening education sessions in September and October.

Seven sessions have been scheduled around the Perth metropolitan area, and participants are encouraged to bring questions from their practices for discussion with the presenters and other subject matter experts. The sessions are free, and participants will be issued certificates of attendance after the events.

More information is available in the Education and training section of this newsletter, or by visiting <https://bit.ly/322oflr> to view the flyer, or visit <https://bit.ly/341aFR6> to register.

## The Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights – second edition

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) recently published the second edition of the Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights (the Charter). The Charter describes what consumers, or someone they care for, can expect when receiving healthcare, and the second edition of the Charter reflects an increased focus on person-centred care, and empowers consumers to take an active role in their healthcare. Healthcare rights apply to all people in all places where health care is provided in Australia, including public and private hospitals, day procedure services, general practice, and other community health services.

An A4 accessible version of the Charter can be downloaded by visiting <https://bit.ly/2OTYBhe>. The Commission is also developing a range of tools and resources to help consumers and healthcare providers understand and use the Charter. The first tranche of resources includes translations of the Charter into 19 languages, Auslan, Braille, and Easy English. These can be found by visiting <https://bit.ly/2MDv6OR>.

## Consultation – letter templates for cervical screening recall and reminder

WA health professionals are invited to provide feedback on a suite of recall and reminder letter templates for cervical screening. Once finalised, these templates will be made publicly available to assist in guiding clear and accurate communication to patients.

To take part in the consultation, please visit <https://bit.ly/2LeACV4>. Please note, the closing date for feedback is 30 September 2019.

For further information about this consultation, contact Stacey-Mae Prokopyszyn on (08) 6458 1740 or email [cervicalscreening@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:cervicalscreening@health.wa.gov.au)

## LiveLighter calls for urgent obesity action with new 13 Cancers campaign

Cancer Council Western Australia (CCWA) has launched the next LiveLighter® public education campaign that urges Western Australians to reduce their cancer risk by reducing sugary drink consumption (<https://bit.ly/33TD8bL>).

The new LiveLighter® advertisement, which has never been seen before in WA, will focus on the contribution of sugary drinks to dangerous toxic fat around the organs which can trigger certain cancers.

The campaign has been developed alongside new Cancer Council Australia-funded research published in the International Journal of Cancer that shows over 200,000 cancer cases could be avoided in Australia over the next 25 years if all Australian adults maintained a healthy weight and met the physical activity guidelines for cancer prevention.

Visit <https://livelighter.com.au/> for further information.

## Accreditation tip – patient identification

### RACGP *Standards for general practices* 5<sup>th</sup> ed (Criterion C6.1)

The use of approved patient identifiers in general practice is a vital component of patient safety and confidentiality. According to the RACGP *Standards for general practices*, “Failure to correctly verify a patient can have serious, potentially life-threatening consequences for the patient.” Thus, the Standards require that practices have a system for patient identification that uses three approved patient identifiers, and that this system is used at every patient encounter. For example, within a single appointment, a patient should be asked to verify his or her identity when making the appointment, when presenting for the appointment, and when seeing each clinician.

Approved patient identifiers include

- name (family and given names together are one identifier)
- date of birth
- gender (self-identified)
- address
- patient health record number (if such a system exists in your practice)
- Individual Healthcare Identifier (or IHI, issued by the Department of Human Services)

Medicare numbers are **not** considered approved patient health identifiers, as some patients do not have Medicare cards, and family members may share a Medicare number. When asking a patient for identification, the practice team member must ask the patient to state at least three identifiers. It is important that staff do not offer the information and ask the patient to confirm it.

The prevailing issues associated with applying a consistent patient identification process are patient concerns about privacy, and patient annoyance at being asked to identify themselves to practice staff with whom they are familiar.

In the first instance, there are recommendations for methods of self-identification that support privacy and confidentiality. The RACGP suggests that the patient produce a form of government-issued, photographic identification (such as a driving licence) that confirms at least three of the approved patient identifiers. Some practices have implemented a system where their business card has a patient identification (and emergency contact) section on the back that can be completed by the patient. This has a two-fold benefit, allowing the patient to present the card as a way of confirming his or her identity, as well as carrying the details of both the emergency contact and general practice which could then be accessible should a health emergency occur.

To accommodate patients who are unhappy about being asked to identify themselves, you might display signage around the practice to explain why you will ask a patient for identifiers. It is common for practices to have patients with similar names, addresses, and/or dates of birth, and mismatching a patient with a health record can have serious consequences. Being confident in explaining the need for correct patient identification can help you successfully engage your patients in the process.

### Useful links:

RACGP *Standards for general practices* 5<sup>th</sup> ed Criterion C6.1 <https://bit.ly/2A1eusi>

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care Advisory GP18/04 *Notification of significant risk* <https://bit.ly/2Ez14u8>



## Immunisation update

### WA Schedule: MMR II brand added to Adult program

A minor amendment has been made to the WA Immunisation schedule (<https://bit.ly/2l5UTNm>) for the State Adult MMR Program. To ensure continued vaccine supply for our state program, MMR II brand vaccine has been added as an alternative to the Priorix brand. The ordering system will reflect the brand available at the time of ordering.

### Priorix brand vaccine expiry dates

GSK has announced that a limited number of batches of Priorix brand MMR vaccine show 2 expiry dates (a shorter expiry date for diluent) which could cause confusion. Please note: If you come across a vial with various expiry dates, please refer to the earliest expiry date on the vaccine components as it reflects the expiry dates for the whole product. The *Priorix expiry date clarification letter* (<https://bit.ly/2NAygT1>) will be sent with all shipments of the affected batch.

### MMRV vaccine brands available

Please note that ATAGI recommends that children up to 14 years of age can receive both MMRV vaccine brands (ProQuad and Priorix Tetra).

ATAGI also recommends that MMRV vaccine should not be used routinely as the 1st dose of MMR-containing vaccine in children aged <4 years.

### New reminder letters for children and adolescents overdue for vaccination

The Department of Human Services (DHS) has commenced sending additional reminder letters to parents of children overdue for vaccination.

The additional letters sent to families (who are not in receipt of family assistance payments) are for children aged 7, 13, 15, 19 and 49 months (sample letter <https://bit.ly/2NyeK36>). Adolescents who are overdue for their childhood and adolescent vaccinations will be sent letters when they are aged 14.5, 17 and 18 years (sample letter <https://bit.ly/2KYIbS1>).

These additional letters advise individuals to contact their GP to receive missed vaccine/s whilst they are still eligible to receive funded catch-up immunisations through the NIP (at 10, 21 and 54 months).

### Reminder for immunisation providers to report all instances of vaccine wastage

All instances of vaccine wastage must be reported using the *Cold Chain Breach and Vaccine Wastage* form (<https://bit.ly/2zzolVP>) when vaccines are discarded for the any of the following reasons:

- Vaccine expiry
- Vaccine vial breakage
- Vaccine not drawn up properly
- Patient changing their mind once vial is opened
- Vaccine deemed not viable after a cold chain breach
- Any other instance where unopened or opened vials are discarded.

## NPS MedicineWise update

If your GPs have never tried an NPS MedicineWise Educational Visit, the next topic is a great place to start.

From October 2019, NPS MedicineWise are offering a topic on *Opioids and the bigger picture when treating chronic pain*.

This topic provides clarity on the role of opioids when supporting patients with chronic non-cancer pain. It covers the latest evidence and offers advice on engaging patients to take an active role in managing pain, along with a resource to support patients reduce or stop their opioid medication.

NPS MedicineWise Educational Visits are funded by the Federal Government (and therefore free to practices) and content is accredited by RACGP and ACRRM.

Sessions can be delivered as:

- **One-on-one discussion:** a 30-minute in-practice discussion for GPs, tailored to individual learning needs.
- **Virtual visit:** via video call for GPs who find it difficult to schedule an in-practice visit
- **Small-group:** a 1-hour in-practice meeting for up to 10 health professionals (GPs, pharmacists and nurses).

To find out more or to book a session, visit the NPS website (<https://bit.ly/30Cx5Gr>) or contact Nicole at WA Primary Health Alliance on 08 6272 4921.

## My Health Record update

### Mental Health toolkit

The Australian Digital Health Agency recently released a new Mental Health toolkit for My Health Record. The toolkit was developed to ensure healthcare providers are equipped to assist their patients with clear and specific information to make an informed decision about the benefits of using My Health Record. It addresses how to reap the benefits of the system, and how to manage patient information securely, sensitively and privately.

To download the toolkit, please visit <https://bit.ly/2ZtKkf9>, or to read more about the development, you can visit <https://bit.ly/30ChGWC>.

## Education and training

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

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

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

Program topics include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

## ACNP National Conference – 2 to 5 September

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

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

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

## Pharmacology Updates Part 1: Mood Disorders – 3 September

Topics include

- treatment-resistant depression and anxiety disorders
- therapeutic prevention of mood stabilisers beyond bi-polar disorder
- neuro-stimulation treatment explained

For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/323nTv0> to view the flyer.

**Date:** Tuesday 3 September 2019  
**Time:** 8.30am – 1.00pm  
**Venue:** Fiona Stanley Hospital, G1 Auditorium  
**Register:** To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2HsQEch>

## Rockingham Women’s Health & Wellbeing Morning – 5 September

This free event invites all women to come and celebrate Women’s Health Week, with activities, demonstrations, prizes, and giveaways, as well as short talks about important women’s health issues. There will be free morning tea, and a coffee van, for women attending the event.

**Date:** Thursday 5 September 2019  
**Time:** 9.30am – 11.30am  
**Venue:** Westerly Family Centre, 27 Westerly Way, Cooloongup  
**Register:** For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/2OPaQLU> or phone the Westerly Family Centre on 9592 3650

## Multicultural Women’s Health Expo – 6 September

Make health a priority at the 2019 Multicultural Women’s Health & Wellbeing Expo with free yoga classes, activities, hearing tests, health checks, financial advice, refreshments, giveaways, and over 40 service providers available to answer all your health and wellbeing questions.

**Date:** Friday 6 September 2019  
**Time:** 10.30am – 1.30pm  
**Venue:** North Metropolitan TAFE Balga, 18 Loxwood Rd, Balga  
**Register:** For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/31Gaid3>

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

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

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

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

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

## RACGP Early Career GP Conference – 7 & 8 September

RACGP WA New Fellows Committee invites you to a 2-day conference at the Vines Resort. The conference is designed for new Fellows in their first five years since Fellowship, preparing you for what's next.

**Date:** Saturday 7 September and Sunday 8 September 2019  
**Time:** 8.30am – 4.00pm Saturday and 8.30am – 12.30pm Sunday  
**Venue:** The Novotel Vines Resort Country Club, Verdelho Drive, The Vines  
**Cost:** \$132 (standard registration)  
**Register:** For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/31cOtI9>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Learning outcomes include:

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Immunisation and Cancer Screening education sessions – September / October

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Autism Training WA: Medical Sector – 18 September

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

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

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

## Rural Psychiatry and Mental Health Forum – 21 September

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

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

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

Topics include

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

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

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

## AAPM National Conference – 1 to 4 October

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

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

## Autism Training WA: Medical Sector – 2 October

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Rotto Ramble – 18 to 20 October

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

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

## RMA19 – 23 to 26 October

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

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

## GP19 – 24 to 26 October

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

- Date:** Thursday 24 October to Saturday 26 October 2019  
**Time:** Please visit <https://bit.ly/2EkPTkj> for the conference program  
**Venue:** Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000  
**Cost:** Please visit <https://bit.ly/2WhAfjK> for delegate costs (early bird available until 1 August)  
**Register:** To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2SYP3A0>

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

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

Workshops and presentations include:

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Australasian Doctors' Health Conference – 22 & 23 November

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

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

The theme is the important topic of “**Creating a Healthy Workplace**”. This will be relevant to doctors at all stages of their career, from medical students, to doctors in training, to doctors established in their chosen career. A particular focus will be looking at the impact of the work environment on a doctor's health, be they a solo private practitioner or working in a large tertiary hospital. Issues will include the effect of medical culture on work life balance, bullying and harassment, and physical and mental health problems. The conference will be relevant to all doctors and medical students, and anyone involved in the training or management of doctors.

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

## Health promotion events

### 2 – 6 September is Women’s Health Week

The five days of Women’s Health Week (<https://bit.ly/2BPDyWu>) are all about women supporting women to improve their health and wellbeing. The two biggest barriers for women not maintaining a health lifestyle is “lack of time” and “health not being a priority”. Women’s Health Week is the time to start making positive changes that can last a lifetime.

Activities for practices include hosting an event (<https://bit.ly/30J6dop>) such as organising an information session for your patients on relevant women’s health topics, or hosting a morning tea to bring your female patients together, or organising an event for your practice team. You can download the Supporters’ Kit (<https://bit.ly/2PfoOH9>) to access materials to help you promote your Women’s Health Week activities. You may also like to review the available resources on women’s health topics (<https://bit.ly/2ZiUmAD>) to find information relevant to your patients that you can promote during (and beyond) Women’s Health Week.

### 2 – 8 September is National Stroke Week

National Stroke Week is approaching, and this is a great time for general practices to host an awareness-raising activity to educate the community on the signs of stroke. It could be as simple as putting up posters in your practice, giving out F.A.S.T. cards to patients, or perhaps doing some health checks to assess for stroke risk.

Practices can register for Stroke Week 2019 and receive a promotional pack by visiting <https://bit.ly/2MZx7Es>. You can also find out more, and access additional resources, by visiting the Stroke Foundation website at <https://bit.ly/33ngaJE>.

### 10 September is World Suicide Prevention Day

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

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

## 16 - 22 September is Dementia Action Week

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

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

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

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

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

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