

Integrating non-dispensing pharmacists into general practice

Expressions of Interest sought from general practices

Background

North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (NWMPHN) is seeking 4 general practices within the north western Melbourne region to take part in a new program placing non-dispensing pharmacists into general practice.

There is strong evidence that a [team-based model of primary care](#) is more cost-effective, and can improve equity and access to health services. NWMPHN has commissioned the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) to implement the *Pharmacists in General Practice* program to support the growing number of patients with complex needs.

General practices will benefit from:

- Access to an experienced pharmacist tailored to your practices' needs
- Increased time for GP consultations
- More integrated patient care
- A pharmacist who can support activities that enhance MBS billing
- A pharmacist who can respond to complex medicinal queries and provide education to practice staff

What is required?

- A private space or consulting room available 14 hours per week (days to be negotiated with the PSA) for 11 months
- The pharmacist will need to be able to access medical software (licensing fee paid by PSA)
- Current PEN CAT software license or willingness to sign a CAT Plus Agreement

How to apply

Send your completed EOI application form to amy.durmanic@nwmpHN.org.au by **4pm, 19 January 2018**. Please be aware that only **4 practices** will be selected to participate in this pilot program.

More information

For more information, please contact:

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Application form

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Name:			
<input type="checkbox"/> General Practitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Practice Manager	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	
Name of practice:			
Practice address:			
Contact details:	Phone:	Email:	
Please confirm that your practice will be able to meet the following requirements:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Access to appropriate private space/consulting room for 14 hours per week for 11 months			
<input type="checkbox"/> Access to medical software for pharmacist (licensing fee covered by PSA)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Current PEN CAT software license or willingness to sign a CAT Plus Agreement (through NWMPHN)			
Questions			
Is your practice an accredited practice? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Working towards			
What medical software does your practice use?			
Additional comments:			

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