

What's Hot

Monthly practical tips for your practice

Got to know:

My Health Record opt out period is here

My Health Record is part of the evolution of healthcare towards the use of digital health systems. It will better enable continuity of care for patients. By the end of 2018 every Australian will have a My Health Record unless they choose not to.

[MORE ONLINE](#)

Got to know:

RACGP 5th Edition Standards

The RACGP has developed new Standards for general practices (5th edition) with the purpose of protecting patients from harm by improving the quality and safety of health services. The Standards support general practices in identifying and addressing any gaps in their systems and processes.

[MORE ONLINE](#)

Got to know:

Quality Improvement PIP is coming in 2019

In response to the rise in chronic disease and the continuing challenge of improving our health system, the Federal Government announced in the 2017-18 Budget a new Quality Improvement (QI) incentive that will start from 1 May 2019.

[MORE ONLINE](#)

Opportunities and Regional News

Quality Improvement Guide and Tools

We understand that a whole of practice approach is needed to drive changes that lead to better patient care. Your practice can use a Quality Improvement (QI) process to make small and large changes, from driving better, more sustainable outcomes for staff, to reducing costs, improving patient experience of health care and delivering better outcomes for the overall health of communities. [The Quality Improvement Guide & Tools](#) will help you to understand how to complete QI activities in your practice, and includes tools, templates and examples.

New Paediatric HealthPathways for GPs

We're live! All new statewide paediatric pathways are available. These pathways are derived from The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne's Clinical Practice Guidelines and are free for GPs and clinicians to access. The best part? Our referral information is localised, for you to direct common paediatric conditions: [Allergy](#), [ENT](#), [Gastroenterology](#), [Neurology](#), [Respiratory](#) and [Unwell Child](#). To make

managing, assessing and referring easier, visit [HealthPathways Melbourne](#).

How can we improve our engagement with primary care providers?

North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (NWMPHN) recently completed an extensive consultation process, run by consultants Siggins Miller, as part of the development of our new primary care engagement strategy. What we heard from the sector:

- Greater clarity on our role, what support we can provide and how you can be involved
- Assistance with the implementation of health reforms and changes
- Advocacy to government on your behalf
- Access to events close to your home/work or online

Siggins Miller are currently reviewing these outcomes and will make recommendations how we can redesign our engagement. Stay tuned for more information on what those changes will look like later in 2018.

Education and Training

"A really great, informative session! Thanks to all the speakers for giving up their time to educate us. They were all great presenters"- Attendee, Breast Cancer Update Workshop

- ✓ NWMPHN is an accredited activity provider with the RACGP QI & CPD Program. We support education and training activities that offer GPs the opportunity to help meet their continuing professional development (CPD) requirements.
- ✓ Visit our website for education and training activities in our region nwmpnhn.org.au/events.

Clinical Placement Program in Cancer Survivorship

General Practitioners are invited to apply for a free clinical placement opportunity at oncology specialist clinics across Victoria.

- ✓ Improve skills and knowledge in cancer survivorship care.
- ✓ Improve communication and enhance clinical relations between hospital and primary care sectors.
- ✓ Improve patient care outcomes.

To apply or to find out more, please visit our [website](#).

Upcoming Events

14/11/2018 6:00 PM	Statewide Paediatric HealthPathways Project: Pathway Launch and Workshop
20/11/2018 5:00PM	What's New in Respiratory Medicine
21/11/2018 6:30 PM	Hepatitis C – A Clinical Update & Case Discussion for Primary Care
24/11/2018 8:30 AM	Pregnancy, Neonatal & Infant Update for Primary Care
27/11/2018	My Health Record: Medico Legal Workshop
27/11/2018 9:00 AM	Falls Prevention Education Session
29/11/2018 9:30 AM	Introduction to Cultural Safety in Aboriginal Health
29/11/2018 7:00 PM	HBV Case Discussion
11/12/2018 9:30 AM	Falls Prevention Education Session

"Our aim is that primary healthcare providers are fully supported to meet community needs, delivering better health outcomes for their patients"

Latest Resources

- [CAREinMIND Referral Form](#)
- [Domiciliary Medication Management Review \(DMMR\) Sample Referral Form](#)
- [Domiciliary Medication Management Review \(DMMR\) Sample Plan](#)
- [Home Medicines Review General Practice Poster](#)
- [Quality Improvement PIP Readiness Checklist](#)
- [MBS Items for hepatitis B and hepatitis C Care](#)
- [Advance Care Planning](#)
- [Mental Health Treatment Plans for General Practice](#)
- [Nurse Orientation Checklist](#)
- Department of Health and Human Services- [Supporting NDIS – The role of general practice](#)
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