

Application – Innovation in Cancer Screening Quality Improvement Activity

Would you like support to improve the uptake of cancer screening by your patients? Do you have an innovative idea to improve cancer screening rates in your general practice?

Your practice may be interested in joining our cancer screening Quality Improvement (QI) activity commencing in March 2019.


North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (NWMPHN) invites general practices to participate in a 12-month cancer screening QI activity commencing in March 2019. Successful applicants will be provided with a QI grant of \$5000. **Practices must be located in the City of Brimbank or Wyndham City Council catchments to be eligible.** These areas have been identified as local government areas with low screening rates in the NWMPHN catchment.

Activity aims:

- Target [low participation regions of the NWMPHN catchment](#) (City of Brimbank and Wyndham City Council)
- Increase patient participation in bowel, cervical and breast cancer screening by supporting [Quality Improvement activities](#) within general practice
- Target vulnerable populations with low screening rates:
 - a. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
 - b. Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities
 - c. People experiencing socio-economic disadvantage

Your practice will receive:

- Exclusive access to clinical subject matter experts, resources and cancer screening toolkits
- Access to three regionally-tailored cancer screening education CPD workshops (RACGP accredited)

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- Access to clinical and QI mentors to support implementation of your goals and activities
 - Continuous education and training, including accredited RACGP CPD activities
 - PEN CAT licence and quarterly data quality reports
 - Opportunities to network and partner with local health care providers and community groups
 - Opportunity to share, network and connect with other general practice teams in your region
 - \$5000 practice participation grant paid upon achieving activity milestones

Benefits of your practice participating

- Improved participation of patients in cancer screening programs
- Promote safety and quality using a whole of practice approach
- Promote and maintain a culture of quality learning in your practice
- Enhance patient centred strategies in your practice
- Maximise business opportunities in your practice

Practice participation requirements:

All general practices that participate in the project will be required to:

- Provide protected time for staff to participate in:
 - project activities
 - orientation visit from NWMPHN project team and regular general practice support visits by the project team
 - three clinical and QI learning workshops (two hours per workshop)
 - six Quality Improvement cycles
 - reporting and evaluation requirements
 - a HealthPathways demonstration
- Install and maintain an up-to-date version of audit and data collection software PEN CAT (free licence provided to the practice)
- Share learnings, achievements and collaborate with others

Practice Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Innovation in Cancer Screening Activity general practices must:

- Be located within, and provide services in, the City of Brimbank or Wyndham City Council catchment
- Be accredited or be working towards accreditation
- Have a clinical and billing system that is [compatible with PEN CAT](#) (data aggregation tool)
- Be able to complete the activity between March 2019 and March 2020





Assessment and Selection Criteria

Upon application, eligible general practices will be assessed against the Innovation in Cancer Screening QI Activity criteria below.

- Ability to meet project activity requirements (35%)
- Demonstrated understanding of project activities (50%)
- Anticipated barriers to project activity requirements (15%)

Funding

Participating general practices will receive \$5,000.00 excluding GST to facilitate the activity within their practice. Funding will be based on instalments, subject to deliverables and project milestones.

How to apply and more information

Further information is available in the [information sheet attached to this application](#).

Complete application form and return by email or post to:

Email: quality@nwmpnh.org.au

Post:

NWMPHN
Level 1, 369 Royal Parade
Parkville VIC 3052

Application due date: 5:00pm, Thursday, 14 February 2019
Submissions received after this time and date will not be accepted.

Application enquiries:

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Approximate timelines and activities

Activity	Date
Applications open	29 January 2019
Applications close	14 February 2019
Practices selected by project selection panel	21 February 2019
General practice applicants notified	12 March 2019
Orientation meeting with practice	March 2019
Practices enrolled in activity	April 2019
PEN CAT installed or verified at each practice	April 2019
Training workshops	April 2019, November 2019, March 2020
Baseline data collection (monthly data collection)	April 2019
Quality Improvement Activity	April 2019 – April 2020
Outcome data collection (monthly deidentified data and qualitative measures)	May 2020
Project evaluation period	May – June 2020

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Application

Innovation in Cancer Screening Quality Improvement Activity

The following form is a fillable PDF and can be completed in Adobe Acrobat. Alternatively, please print the form and complete by hand.

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR GENERAL PRACTICE DETAILS

NAME OF GENERAL PRACTICE:

ABN:

PROJECT LEAD CONTACT PERSON:

CONTACT PHONE:

CONTACT FAX:

ADDRESS:

Practice located in (tick): Brimbank Wyndham

CONTACT EMAIL:

YOUR GENERAL PRACTICE (weighting 35%)

Accredited or working towards accreditation?

- Yes No
 Working towards

Accreditation/ Re-accreditation date:

Accreditation agency? (tick)

- GPA AGPAL

Do you have medical and billing software compatible with PEN CAT?

- Yes No

NB: Only practices that have compatible software are eligible to participate

Software and version (please list)

Are you willing to install and maintain an up to date version of audit and data collection software PEN CAT (Free license provided by NWMPHN to the practice)?

- Yes No
 Already have PEN CAT
 Need more information?

Signed or willing to sign a CAT Plus Agreement for PEN CAT?

- Have signed
 Have not signed but will
 Will not sign
 Need more information?

Do you conduct clinical meetings in your practice?

- Yes No

How often?

Able to provide protected time for staff/clinicians to participate in project activity?

Yes No

Able to provide protected time for general practice orientation visit from NWMPHN project team?

Yes No

Able to provide protected time for staff and clinicians to attend 3 x 2-hour clinical and QI learning workshops?

Yes No

Able to provide protected staff time for completion of reporting and evaluation requirements to NWMPHN?

Yes No

Participate in 6 Quality Improvement cycles

Yes No

Provide protected staff time to share learnings, achievements and collaborate with others?

Yes No

PLEASE IDENTIFY AND LIST PRACTICE TEAM MEMBERS WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT ACTIVITY (two members from each discipline must be listed)

GENERAL PRACTITIONER/S

PRACTICE NURSE/S

PRACTICE ADMINISTRATION

If unable to identify two team members from the disciplines list above, please provide reason:

DETAILED PROJECT ACTIVITY: (weighting 50%)

WHY DOES YOUR GENERAL PRACTICE WISH TO BE INVOLVED IN THE INNOVATION IN CANCER SCREENING QI ACTIVITY? (100 words)



WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO AS PART OF THIS ACTIVITY? (100 words)

LIST PROPOSED BENEFITS TO YOUR PRACTICE:





LIST PROPOSED BENEFITS FOR YOUR PATIENTS:

WHICH CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM/S WILL YOUR GENERAL PRACTICE TARGET?
(Cervical, Bowel or Breast)? Please note you can choose 1, 2 or all 3 screening programs to focus on.

WHY? PLEASE PROVIDE SUPPORTING EVIDENCE USING PRACTICE/ PEN CAT DATA

*For example: Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women aged 50-74 in your practice who have had a breast screen mammogram in the last two years **OR** number of patients aged 50-74 that participate in bowel cancer screening (100 words)*





WHICH UNDER-SCREENED COMMUNITY WILL YOUR GENERAL PRACTICE TARGET?


(Under-screened communities include: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities, People experiencing socio-economic disadvantage)

WHY HAVE YOU CHOSEN THIS COMMUNITY/COMMUNITIES?

Please provide supporting evidence using practice information/data (100 words)

For example: The number of active patients in your practice population who identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person






PLEASE OUTLINE HOW YOU WILL SUPPORT PROJECT ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN YOUR GENERAL PRACTICE? (100 words)

DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY BARRIERS OVER THE NEXT 12MONTHS WHICH MAY PREVENT YOUR PRACTICE FROM COMPLETING THE ACTIVITY? (100 words; weighting 15%)





Please send your application either:

Electronically to quality@nwmpfn.org.au

By post to:

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