

What's Hot

Monthly practical tips for your practice

Got to Know:

Quality Improvement Guide & Tools

This guide is designed to help you successfully implement Quality Improvement (QI) at your practice. QI activities can be used to make small and large changes including, driving better, more sustainable outcomes for staff, reducing costs, improving patient experience and delivering better health outcomes.

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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.

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Got to Know:

Quality Improvement PIP is coming 1 August 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 August 2019.

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Opportunities and Regional News

How Clean is Your Data?

PEN Clinical Audit Tool, or PEN CAT as it's commonly referred to, is a clinical audit tool that allows practices to analyse data, devise the necessary strategies to improve patient care and report on quality improvement activities undertaken by the practice. In short, it optimises patient health outcomes while enhancing business capabilities for the general practice.

- Provides you with a complete overview of the practice profile in real-time.
- Enhances the financial viability of the practice without compromising on the quality of care being delivered.

More information, visit pencs.com.au for user guides, online tutorials, webinars and a selection of PEN CAT 'recipes' to get your practice started on your quality improvement journey. To arrange PEN CAT installation and training, [contact us](#).

MBS Updates

The 1 April 2019 MBS XML file is now available to download from the MBS Online website [April 2019 downloads page](#).

A summary of the latest changes is now available [April 2019 Latest News page](#).

SafeScript Training for Prescribers and Pharmacists

SafeScript, real-time prescription monitoring, is now available and will be mandatory from April 2020. Training for GPs is being held in March and April at venues in Werribee, Parkville, Craigieburn, Melton and Sunbury.

The training will cover:

- What is 'SafeScript'?
- How can you use it to identify high-risk situations and support safer clinical decisions?

For session details and registration visit [NWMPHN events](#) or for more information about this new clinical tool visit [VTPHNA's SafeScript Hub](#).

Education and Training

- ✓ 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.

Upcoming Events

30 Apr 2019 09 May 2019	SafeScript Training for Prescribers and Pharmacists - Werribee and Parkville
01 Apr 2019	STIs and PrEP: An update for Primary Care – Hamilton & Webinar
02 Apr 2019	2019 National ACP Week: Western Education Session
02 Apr 2019	Adult Vaccination Update
02 Apr 2019	Eye Emergencies and Hoarse Voice
03 Apr 2019	2019 National ACP Week: Central Education Session
04 Apr 2019	2019 National ACP Week: Northern Education Session
09 Apr 2019	Quality Improvement Learning Workshop
11 Apr 2019	Viral Hepatitis Essentials for Primary Care - Werribee
28 Apr 2019	HBV s100 Prescriber Course
02 May 2019	STIs and PrEP: An update for Primary Care – Sunshine

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

Latest Resources

- [Quality Improvement Toolkit](#)
- [How to set up your Provider Digital Access \(PRODA\) account](#)
- [Health Professional Online Services \(HPOS\) and Nash](#)
- [Asthma Australia – COACH Referral Form](#)
- [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 QIPIP Readiness Checklist](#)
- [MBS Items for hepatitis B and hepatitis C Care](#)
- [Advance Care Planning](#)
- [Mental Health Treatment Plans for General Practice](#)
- [Nurse Orientation Checklist](#)
- [Supporting NDIS – The role of general practice](#)
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