

# What's Hot

Monthly practical tips for your practice

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## 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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## 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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## 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](http://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](http://nwmpnhn.org.au/events).

## Upcoming Events

02 May 2019	<a href="#">STIs and PrEP: An update for Primary Care – Sunshine &amp; Webinar</a>
09 May 2019	<a href="#">SafeScript Training for Prescribers and Pharmacists - Werribee and Parkville</a>
11 May 2019	<a href="#">Uro-West General Practice Conference 2019</a>
16 May 2019	<a href="#">Viral Hepatitis Essentials for Primary Care - Parkville &amp; Webinar</a>
19 May 2019	<a href="#">Hepatitis B s100 Prescriber Course</a>
21 May 2019 23 May 2019	<a href="#">PENCAT Training Live!</a>
22 May 2019	<a href="#">STIs and PrEP: An update for Primary Care - Webinar</a>
27 May 2019	<a href="#">HIV Case Discussion &amp; Webinar</a>
30 May 2019	<a href="#">PrEP and HIV Essentials for Primary Care - Werribee</a>

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*“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 QIIP Readiness Checklist](#)
- [MBS Items for hepatitis B and hepatitis C Care](#)
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