

# In-practice melanoma education

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**Are you interested in receiving a free interactive melanoma education session in your practice? Hurry, places are strictly limited!**

## Background

North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (NWMPHN) is offering practices the opportunity to receive in-practice melanoma education from Associate Professor Anne Howard (dermatologist) or one of her dermatology colleagues.

Education will be delivered over lunchtime or after hours, depending on practice preference and dermatologist availability.

This opportunity is part of the optimal care pathways for cancer project. Optimal care pathways (OCPs) are national guides that describe the best possible cancer care for patients with specific types of cancer. The implementation of optimal care pathways into primary health is supported by the Victorian Government.

## What your practice will receive

- An interactive one hour in-practice melanoma education session from Associate Professor Anne Howard or one of her dermatology colleagues.
- Topics covered are:
  - Early detection including risk factors, signs and symptoms and the role of dermoscopy.
  - Biopsy: what type of biopsy should be performed and when to refer.
  - Melanoma management and the role of the GP.
- An overview of the melanoma optimal care pathway and recently released melanoma HealthPathways.
- Two RACGP points (category 2)

## Eligibility criteria

This education opportunity is open to all general practices located in the NWMPHN region. Practices will need to:

- Schedule a session from 15 July to 30 September 2019.
- Provide an appropriate space to conduct the session.
- Ensure the session is attended by at least five clinical staff with at least three GPs or be willing to partner with another general practice in your area to meet participation criteria.
- Complete a brief practice quality improvement activity, focusing on what changes your practice will implement as a result of the education.
- Complete a brief survey before and after the session and a quality improvement follow-up survey at least 1 month after session.

## How to apply

If your practice is interested in participating in the Melanoma in-practice education sessions, please complete the attached application form.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 12 July 2019.

For more information contact:

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## ABOUT PHNs

Funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health, Primary Health Networks (PHN's) began operation on 1 July 2015 and are responsible for coordinating primary health care and facilitating improved health outcomes in their local community. Melbourne Primary Care Network operates the North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (NWMPHN).

We acknowledge the peoples of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Owners of the land on which our work in the community takes place. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



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# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Application

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<b>Name and address of general practice:</b>		
<b>Partner practice (if applicable):</b>		
<b>Contact person:</b>		
<b>Contact details:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>

### Eligibility

You must be able to tick each of these boxes to be eligible to nominate:

- Able to schedule the session between 15 July to 30 September 2019
- Able to provide an appropriate space to conduct the session
- Able to ensure the session is attended by at least five clinical staff with a minimum of three GPs, or be willing to partner with another general practice in your area to meet participant criteria
- Able to complete practice quality improvement activity based on learnings from education
- Able to complete a brief survey before and after the session and a quality improvement follow-up survey

Please provide three preferred dates and times between 15 July and 30 September 2019:

Preference:	Date:	Time:
1.		
2.		
3.		

Please return the completed form by 12 July 2019 to:

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