Exciting practice opportunity to upskill in sexual health testing and management

**An exciting opportunity exists for a general practice in the outer western or north western suburbs to be mentored by the Melbourne Sexual Health Centre (MSHC). Through this partnership the practice will receive ongoing support from MSHC to provide STI testing and management in the clinic.**

What education, training and support will your practice receive?

**In brief**

MSHC is trialling an innovative model where it builds strong relationships with practices in high STI prevalence areas to increase the numbers of patients receiving treatment locally. The initial trial will involve one practice in each of the North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (NWMPHN) and South Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network catchments.

The primary focus will be on chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis.

* In practice education for the practice clinical team (GP and nurse) delivered by MSHC Sexual Health Physician and Sexual Health Nurse. Frequency and type of training based on practice need
* Training and observation placement in the MSHC clinic

- GPs to sit with sexual health physicians

- Practice nurses to sit in with sexual health nurses and nurse practitioners

* Expedited access to the MSHC 1800 GP Support phone line
* Access to MSHC STI Toolkit, online resources, fact sheets, educational videos etc.
* Optional additional training and support to access and provide treatment injections
* Evaluation and reports on practice data around screening and diagnosis

What is involved?

* Participation in the trial for three months:
  + Practice recruited in April 2020
  + Education, training and support to begin May-June 2020
  + Evaluation of program will be conducted between August and November 2020

How to apply

If your practice is interested this exciting opportunity, please complete the application form below.

**Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday, 17 April 2020.**

Contact for questions

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Eligibility

**Please ensure you tick each of these boxes to be eligible to nominate: The practice must;**

Be located within and provide services to the one of the following LGA’s in the North Western Melbourne PHN Catchment – Brimbank, Hume, Melton, Moorabool, Macedon Ranges, Wyndham

Be accredited against RACGP Standards

Be able to begin working with the Melbourne Sexual Health Centre in May or June 2020 (with initial discussions to commence in April 2020)

Have a clinical and billing system that is compatible with PENCAT (data aggregation tool) or agree to have PENCAT installed and a data sharing agreement in place (we will assist with this)

Agree to allocate protected time for practice staff (GPs and/or nurses) to undertake in practice education and support programs provided by MSHC. The specifics of the education will be based on the practice’s needs and this will be discussed and determined by MSHC and the successful practice.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Application Form

MSHC pilot opportunity for sexual health testing and management in the western and north western suburbs

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| **Applicant name:** |  | |
| **Name of practice:** |  | |
| **Practice address:** |  | |
| **Applicant details:** | Phone: | Email: |
| **Practice manager details:** | Name: | Email: |
| **Practice principal details:** | Name: | Email: |
| **Application Questions** | | **Weighting** |
| **Please provide a brief overview of why your practice would like to take up this opportunity.** | | 30% |
| **How will your practice team benefit from participation in this project?** | | 20% |
| **How will your patients benefit from your practice’s participation in this project?** | | 20% |
| **What barriers do you think may limit your practice being successful in this project?**  **How do you think you will overcome them?** | | **15%** |
| **How will you plan to make changes sustainable beyond the project?** | | 15% |
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| **Additional questions** | | **Non-weighted** |
| Please list the name and profession of participating staff members | | **–** |
| Please provide any additional information to support your application | | **–** |

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