

# Practice Connect

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Keeping General Practice informed in the changing primary health landscape.

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**Welcome to Practice Connect, a fortnightly update for practice managers, nurses and practice administration staff on relevant issues, upcoming events and education.**

## HealthPathways Update

The HealthPathways Team has recently reviewed and updated the 'Immunisation – Childhood' pathway which you can now access at: <https://wa.healthpathways.org.au/45076.htm>. HealthPathways GP Clinical Editor, Dr Richa Tayal reviewed the pathway with the assistance of Clinical Liaison Officer, Danelle Robertson. Clinical review was also undertaken by the Communicable Disease Control Directorate at WA Department of Health.

The HealthPathways Team improved the structure of the 'Immunisation – Childhood' pathway, making it easier for GPs and other health professionals to read and navigate. The pathway also links to the updated WA Immunisation Schedule. By clarifying the requirements and process of immunisation this pathway will assist in improving childhood immunisation rates in WA.

The 2017 WA Influenza Immunisation pathway was launched in April and the following immunisation pathways are planned for review in 2017:

- Immunisation – Adolescents
- Immunisation – Adults
- Vaccine Storage and Cold Chain Breaches
- Travel Vaccination and Advice
- Pertussis Vaccine for Pregnant and Post-Partum Women

## NPS MedicineWise Update

NPS MedicineWise educational visits for GPs are also available as **web-enabled virtual visits**.

Web-enabled sessions are delivered directly to individual practices by the NPS Clinical Services Specialists using Skype for Business. The sessions provide an interactive environment for one-on-one discussion with GPs and as such, they qualify under the current RACGP and ACRRM agreements:

- RACGP: accredited for 2 (Category 2) points in the QI CPD Program for the 2017-2019 triennium.
- ACRRM: Accredited for 1 Core point in the ACRRM PD Program for the 2017-2019 triennium.

NPS MedicineWise virtual visits are also recognised by the Practice Incentives Program as contributing toward the Quality Prescribing Incentive (PIP QPI).

NPS MedicineWise are now taking bookings for: **Osteoarthritis: practical tools for diagnosis and management**, available from November 2017.



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## Immunisation Update

### State wide Men ACWY vaccine now available to general practice

All General Practices in WA can now order meningococcal ACWY vaccine for administration to persons aged 15 to 19 years as part of the WA state wide Meningococcal ACWY Vaccination Program.

Under this program, all persons aged 15-19 years are eligible for a single dose of Meningococcal ACWY vaccine through to 31 December 2017.

Before the end of the year, GPs are urged to offer Meningococcal ACWY vaccination to any age-eligible patients who have not already been vaccinated through school or university immunisation clinics.

GPs are encouraged to bulk bill eligible patients who attend only to receive the meningococcal ACWY vaccination.

#### How to order meningococcal ACWY Vaccine – Nimenrix®:

1. Go to the usual vaccine ordering website <https://wa.tollhealthcare.com>.
2. Click on the tab marked 'School, Catch-up and Refugee vaccines'.
3. Select 'Men ACWY - Nimenrix 0.5 mL - catch up for 15 to 19 years'.

**IMPORTANT: Use a 23-gauge needle when reconstituting the Nimenrix® meningococcal ACWY vaccine as larger needles may shear the vial stopper.**

### Menveo (Meningococcal ACWY) GSK supply update

GSK is pleased to confirm Menveo (Meningococcal Groups A, C, W-135, and Y Oligosaccharide CRM197 Conjugate Vaccine) is back in supply, following a supply constraint. The Menveo stock available for order has an expiry of April 2018.

Menveo has a Therapeutic Goods Association approval of a new infant indication (two months and above) from July 2017. Menveo is the only ACWY conjugate vaccine approved for use in infants from two months of age.

## Short-Term Restorative Care for Older People

Older West Australians who need intensive support to help them remain living in their own home can now access a Short-Term Restorative Care program.

The goal of the program is to improve the person's ability to care for themselves, preventing a loss of independence, social isolation, and premature entry to high level community services or residential aged care. The services are delivered in the individual's home and include, but are not limited to: Occupational Therapy; Physiotherapy, Nursing, Social Work, Speech Pathology, Dietician, Podiatry and Direct Care.

To access the service, an individual will need to be referred to the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) for an assessment. People considered eligible include those who:

- are slowing down mentally, or physically, or both
- need help with everyday tasks
- want to stay independent, and out of long-term residential care.

The program is not available to people who are receiving a home care package (however HACC & DVA (Veterans Assist or Direct Care Clients are eligible); are a resident of a nursing home; or have been in hospital within the last three months with a condition related to their current need for short term restorative care.

Individuals are allowed two periods of Short-Term Restorative Care in one year.

This service is funded by the Commonwealth Government but individuals are asked to make a contribution of approximately 5% of the daily costs which equals \$10.10 a day. This is based on 17.5% of the daily aged pension, however the cost can be negotiated in cases of financial hardship.

For more information on Short-Term Restorative Care visit the My Aged Care site for a full list of Short-Term Restorative Care providers in Western Australia: <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/short-term-restorative-care/accessing-short-term-restorative-care>.

## Graduate Certificate in Continence Promotion and Management

The Continence Foundation of Australia (CFA) is offering Registered Nurses and Physiotherapists a limited number of positions to The Benchmark Group's *Graduate Certificate in Continence Promotion and Management*.

As part of a successful application, the CFA will pay \$1,965.00 of the full course fee of \$2,965.00 (Inc GST). Students will be required to make a co-payment of \$1,000.00 (inc GST) and complete the assessment by 1 November 2018.

The positions are offered in a 100% distance-based format and all training resources are provided. The course will require approximately nine months of study including essential reading, external reading and completion of the assessment portfolio. The assessment portfolio also requires 32 hours of self-arranged clinical placement.

Applications close on Friday, 29 September 2017.

For further information please visit the Benchmark website at:

[https://benchmarkgroup.formstack.com/forms/graduate\\_certificate\\_in\\_continence\\_promotion\\_and\\_management\\_scholarship\\_co\\_payment\\_september\\_2017](https://benchmarkgroup.formstack.com/forms/graduate_certificate_in_continence_promotion_and_management_scholarship_co_payment_september_2017).

## Education and Training

To keep our e-news to a manageable size events will only be advertised once. To view previously advertised training please visit our website - <http://www.wapha.org.au/education-events/>.

### Obstetric and Gynaecology GP Update

General Practitioners are invited to the following event as part of King Edward Memorial Hospital's ongoing commitment to support General Practitioners in providing antenatal care as well as assessment and management of women with gynaecological problems.

Date: Saturday, 21 October

Time: 8:30 am - 5:00pm

Venue: Agnes Walsh Lounge, KEMH, 374 Bagot Road, Subiaco

Cost: Early bird full day \$150 or half day \$75

Register: To register and for further information please view the following flyer:

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/20ef143fde3435c14900e72f7/files/e6a07569-9c5b-4088-83a7-d00e3d0a73a1/Final\\_Flyer\\_Oct\\_2017\\_OG\\_GP\\_Update.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/20ef143fde3435c14900e72f7/files/e6a07569-9c5b-4088-83a7-d00e3d0a73a1/Final_Flyer_Oct_2017_OG_GP_Update.pdf).

### Pink Ribbon Breakfast – 23 October

BreastScreen WA (BSWA) is holding a Pink Ribbon breakfast with keynote speaker Sabrina Hahn, ABC Local Radio's Gardening presenter for over 25 years.

Date: Monday, 23 October

Time: 7:00am – 9:00am

Venue: Fraser's Function Centre, Kings Park

Cost: \$38.00 (inc. GST)

Register: To register and for further information please view the attached flyer: <http://www.wapha.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/BSWA-ABC-Day-Breakfast-Invitation-2017.pdf>

### WA Medication Safety Symposium 2017 – 27 October

The symposium is open to all professionals and consumers. It aims to bring together everyone who has an interest in pursuing the safe use of medicines. The event will be available for viewing externally via SCOPIA/videoconferencing.

Date: Friday, 27 October

Time: 8:00am – 3:30pm

Venue: Bruce Hunt Lecture Theatre in Royal Perth Hospital

Cost: Free

Register: To register and for further information please view the following flyer: <http://www.wapha.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/WAMedicationSafetySymposium.pdf>

### **WAPNA Seminar: Eye Health and Brittle Bones: Facts you need to know to See Bright and Stay Strong**

WAPNA is holding a seminar for practice nurses on eye health and brittle bones. Participants who attend this seminar will receive 4 CPD registration standard points.

Date: Saturday, 28 October

Time: 11:30am – 5:00pm

Venue: State Tennis Centre, Victoria Park Drive, Burswood

Cost: Early bird Member: \$55.00; Early bird Non-Member \$75.00; after October 10 Member: \$75.00; after October 10 Non-Member \$95.00

Register: To register and for further information please see the attached flyer: <http://www.wapha.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/WAPNA-seminar-flyer-October-2017.pdf>

### **WA Cervical Cancer Prevention Program (WACCPP) Regional Workshops – September & October**

The WACCPP, in partnership with a number of regional services, will be delivering a series of workshops for health professionals who are interested in learning more about increasing Aboriginal women's participation in cervical screening. These workshops will include an introduction to the new Cervical Screening Flipchart Resource, including the results of a state-wide pilot test, an update on the implementation of the renewed National Cervical Screening Program and, an overview of cervical screening in WA. Video conferencing will also be available for most workshops.

Date & Venue: 27 September (Katanning), 28 September (Albany), 9 October (Roebourne), 10 October (Karratha) & 11 October (South Hedland).

Register: To register and for further information please contact Kay Walley, Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer, on 08 9323 6704 or [cervicalscreening@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:cervicalscreening@health.wa.gov.au).

### **Hepatitis B s100 Prescriber Course – 4 November**

The Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM) is holding a workshop to assist health professionals with learning how to manage and treat patients with chronic hepatitis B. This interactive workshop involves; online learning modules, in-depth presentations, case discussions, and facilitated group work giving attendees an opportunity to discuss practical strategies with peers and specialists.

Date: Saturday, 4 November

Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Venue: Centennial Stadium (Ground floor meeting room), 156 Lockyer Avenue, Albany, WA 6330

Cost: Free

Register: To register and for further information please view the following flyer: <http://www.wapha.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/HepatitisFlyer.pdf>

### **2017 Innovation in Ageing Conference – 26 – 29 November**

The 2017 Innovation in Ageing Conference is being held in Shanghai with international presenters from France, the United States of America and, China. The 2017 Trend in Innovation on Ageing Services in China and the 2017 Case Study of Innovative Models of Care in Ageing Services in China reports will be launched at this conference.

Date: 26 – 29 November

Venue: Shanghai Technology for Ageing Centre

Cost: \$390.00

Register: To register and for further information please view the attached flyer: <http://www.wapha.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/2017-Innovation-on-Ageing-Conference.pdf>

## **National Cervical Screening Program – 1 December**

A new online training program is now available to help health professionals increase their knowledge about the upcoming changes to the National Cervical Screening Program, due to commence on 1 December 2017. Information regarding the changes to the Program are available here:

<http://www.cancerscreening.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/future-changes-cervical>.

Developed by the Department of Health and NPS MedicineWise, the six interactive Cervical Screening Online Training Modules cover cervical cancer, changes to the National Cervical Screening Program, communicating the importance of screening, screening in practice, understanding the screening pathway and, communicating test results and patient management.

The modules are accredited for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points and can be accessed at:

<https://learn.nps.org.au/mod/page/view.php?id=7804>.

For further information on the Renewal of the National Cervical Screening Program in WA visit the WACCP's renewal webpage at: <http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Renewal>.

## **Health Promotion Events in October**

Is your practice looking for a health promotion activity for your practice? Each month we provide a list of upcoming health promotion activities for the next month along with resources and contact details.

### **Breast Cancer Awareness Month - October**

Breast Cancer Awareness Month aims to increase breast awareness amongst both health professionals and consumers. This website includes information on breast cancer risk factors, how to be breast aware and, information on breast cancer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

Website: <https://canceraustralia.gov.au/healthy-living/campaigns-events/breast-cancer-awareness-month>

### **Mental Health Week – 7 – 14 October**

This year's Mental Health Week theme is 'Connect with nature, connect with community, connect with self for mental wellbeing'. This website includes ideas on how to get involved in the national event, resources and information on how to register an event.

Website: <https://mhw.waamh.org.au/>

### **World Mental Health Day – 10 October**

World Mental Health Day aims to reduce the stigma surrounding mental illness and encourage people to seek help. This website includes ideas on how to get involved in the national event, way to make a promise or commitment to shed a more positive light on mental health and where to register an event.

Website: <https://1010.org.au/>

### **Pink Ribbon Day – October**

Pink Ribbon Day fundraisers can be held throughout October and contribute to helping further cancer research and improved treatments and prevention to reduce breast and gynaecological cancers in women. This website contains resources, information on how to host and register an event, fundraise and sell Pink Ribbon merchandise.

Website: <https://www.pinkribbon.com.au/>