

# GP Connect

Keeping GPs informed in the changing primary health landscape



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## Clinical Updates

### Has your Poisons Permit expired?

Many WA Health Service Permits (Poisons Permits) linked to funded vaccine ordering expired 30 June 2019. Until permits are renewed and advised to Toll, Government funded vaccines cannot be released from the WA Health/Toll warehouse for distribution.

Please scan and email a copy of your renewed permit to  
[TCSWAHealthcareCS@tollgroup.com](mailto:TCSWAHealthcareCS@tollgroup.com).

For further details regarding the Poisons Permit, visit

[http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/J\\_M/Licences-and-permits](http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/J_M/Licences-and-permits)

### Reporting Adverse Events Following Immunisation moving online

As of 1 July, reporting an Adverse Event Following Immunisation for vaccines administered in WA is only taking place online at [www.aefican.org.au](http://www.aefican.org.au) Report Forms will no longer be accepted by fax or email, and the fax line is now disconnected. Support is available at [wavss@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:wavss@health.wa.gov.au). or by calling 08 6456 0208 during business hours.

Before reporting adverse events, GPs are encouraged to read about common and expected side effects of vaccines on the [WA Health website](http://www.health.wa.gov.au).



## Hospital Liaison GP Updates

### Royal Perth Hospital

#### New on the RPH website - Plastics Trauma Clinic referral information

The RPH Plastic Surgery webpage has been updated to include information for GPs about how to refer urgent and non-urgent 'open' and 'closed' plastics trauma cases, including a downloadable patient brochure for patients who have been referred. Visit <https://rph.health.wa.gov.au/Our-services/Plastic-Surgery>

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## Expressions of Interest open for WA's first Medihotel

Expressions of interest are now being sought from GPs to provide services in the State's first Medihotel. Medihotels are a key element of the State Government's Putting Patients First Policy 2016. They are designed to reduce length of hospital stays by supporting patients discharged from hospital who are still recovering and provide them with accommodation and ongoing care.

This is a unique opportunity to provide clinical oversight and in-reach services to patients, while actively participating in the development of the Medihotel continued model of care. It will also provide an opportunity for a practice to establish the on-site GP Urgent Care Clinic.

The 60-bed facility will form part of the new Murdoch Health and Knowledge Precinct adjacent to Fiona Stanley and St John of God Murdoch hospitals and include an integrated 175-bed aged care facility. The Medihotel will offer step-up, post-acute and step-down care for patients through a multidisciplinary team supporting patients with a range of conditions, including management of chronic conditions.

For further information on the service model and requirements, including the GP Expressions of Interest Brochure and Returnable Schedule, visit the [Murdoch precinct website](#) or contact Leanne Milligan on at Aegis Aged Care Group on 0466 151 322. Expressions of Interest close 29 July 2019.

## Education Events

### Palliative care education session

Cancer Council WA

Wednesday 31 July 2019

### NPS Medicinewise: Anxiety, rethinking the options

WA Primary Health Alliance

Tuesday 6 August 2019

### Bariatric patient team care workshop

CTEC Training

Saturday 10 August 2019

### Western Trauma course

Port Hedland

WA Health

Saturday 10 August 2019

### NMHS shared-care education event

WA Primary Health Alliance;

HealthPathways WA

Saturday 17 August 2019

### Tackling ageing and life-limiting illnesses:

Helping our patients make the most of life

East Metropolitan Health Service

Saturday 31 August 2019

### General Practice Conference & Exhibition

Perth 2019

Reed Exhibitions Australia

(WA Primary Health Alliance Stand #15)

Friday 27 July - Saturday 28 July

For more information on these and other upcoming GP education events or to register, visit [wapha.org.au/events](http://wapha.org.au/events)

## In case you missed the June clinical feature...

Visit our [online news hub](#) to read *Management of Women at Moderate risk of Breast Cancer; recommendations for Women with Increased Breast Density* by Fiona Stanley Breast Physician Dr Pamela Thompson.