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A groundbreaking consumer portal to support patient care

A newly launched web portal, *Healthy Western Sydney*, is set to support primary care providing general public access to health information and resources in a quick and simple way.

The site offers a vast array of health information drawing together appropriate, quality and Australian-based information so that it is available on one portal.

Among the first of its kind, *Healthy Western Sydney* provides key information to patients about common health conditions, and can be recommended by local health professionals. Information includes that on general health, children's health, older person's health, lifestyle & prevention health, local health services and carer support with additional topics to be added over time.

Dr Michelle Crockett explains, "*Healthy Western Sydney* is a fantastic online resource for patients and the community to use".

"The website has reputable and appropriate information about many health conditions as well as local services available. This will help people to make more informed choices and live a healthier lifestyle," said Ms Crockett.

Stemming from clinical-portal Western Sydney HealthPathways, *Healthy Western Sydney* is currently being promoted across the region and can be accessed by visiting: healthywesternsydney.org.au

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About WentWest

WentWest's focus on providing better health care in the community was strengthened with its appointment as a Tranche 1 Medicare Local in July 2011 to now operating as the Western Sydney Primary Health Network. WentWest has built on its experience as a Division of General Practice in supporting GPs and their practices, connecting health services to meet local needs, and striving for better health outcomes for western Sydney.

The population living in western Sydney is culturally, linguistically and socio-economically diverse, and we also have the largest urban Aboriginal community in Australia. WentWest works closely with doctors, allied health professionals, the Western Sydney Local Health District and many others to improve the coordination of local health services for patients and their families.