



# What value does HealthPathways bring to you and your patients?



Western Sydney HealthPathways was launched in 2013 as a partnership between the Western Sydney Primary Health Network (WSPHN), the Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD), and the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (SCHN).

HealthPathways is the first online health information platform empowering clinicians with localised, evidence-based care and data-driven supporting resources to make the right decisions, together with patients, at the point of care.



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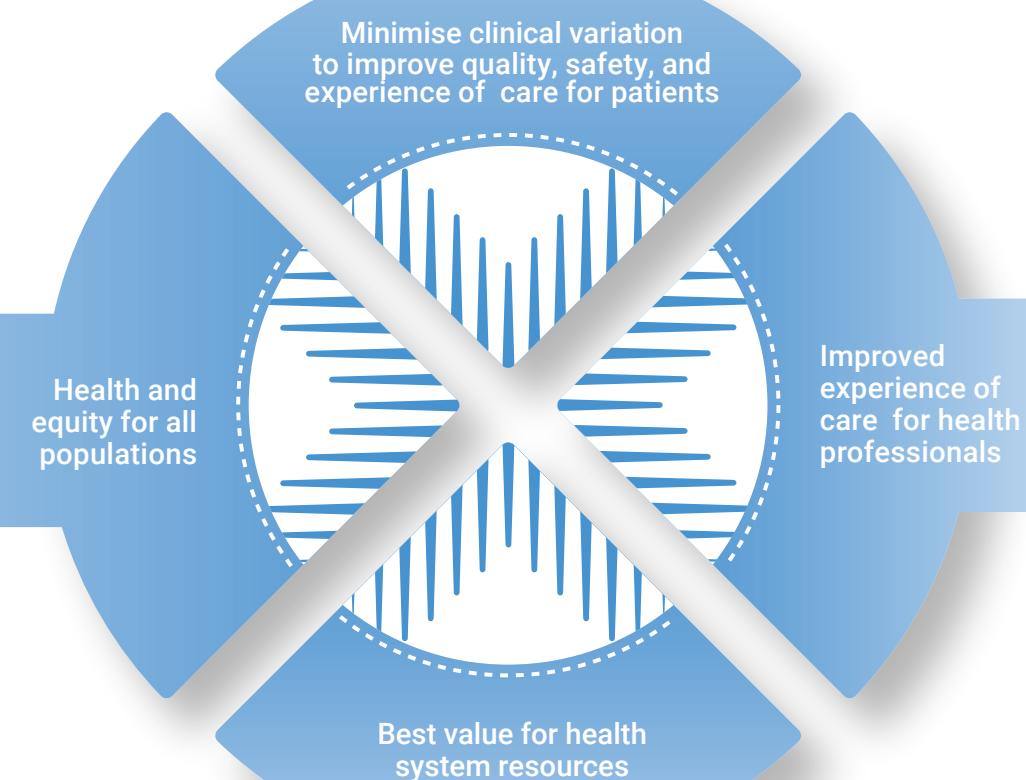
To access HealthPathways, you will need the general login details. Please email: [healthpathways@wentwest.com.au](mailto:healthpathways@wentwest.com.au) for more information.

For WSLHD and SCHN Staff, please access HealthPathways via the WSLHD/SCHN Intranet Applications page.

## About Western Sydney HealthPathways

The HealthPathways platform currently encompasses over 600 pathways, with new pathways added each month. Existing pathways are reviewed regularly to ensure safe and clinically relevant content is available.

The vision for Western Sydney HealthPathways is to enable a network of people in health systems to share and adopt clinical pathways to support:



In 2022, HealthPathways expanded its pathways and resources to provide clinical information for health professionals across a variety of medical and other health professional fields. The HealthPathways team has worked collaboratively to ensure Western Sydney primary care service providers are equipped to deliver the right support for community members.



2022 marks **10 years** of our HealthPathways partnership with the Western Sydney Local Health District and Sydney Children's Hospitals Network. In that time...

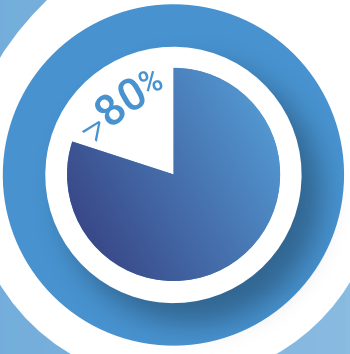


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Pathways have been published for health professionals to access localised information on how to assess and manage medical conditions and refer patients to local services.

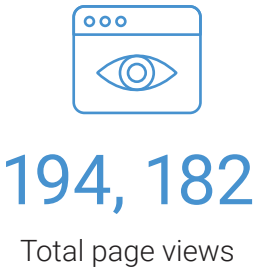
Over 80% of GPs utilising the platform report that it has a **moderate to very high impact** on their ability to access clinical practice guidelines [1].

[1] WentWest (2022), WentWest 2021 Needs Survey: General Practitioners and Allied Health Professionals



157, 536

Times users have visited the HealthPathways website



42.3% increased utilisation from 2021 to 2022.

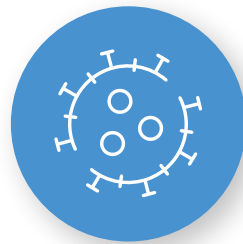
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New pathways added this year!

Did you know you can now access clinical information about these topics?



Top 5 most popular Pathway categories in 2022



COVID-19



Mental Health



Antenatal Care



Child and Youth Health



Diabetes



WSLHD Clinical Nurse  
Melissa Power

Melissa Power works as a clinical nurse consultant at the WSLHD Western Sydney Sexual Health Centre and has used HealthPathways as a convenient tool for finding information related to HIV and other sexual health topics.

*“Primary care doctors and nurses are in the unique position to identify and engage at-risk patients and normalise sexual health conversations and care. HealthPathways provides succinct and up-to-date guidance to support clinicians in sexual health assessment and management, including optimising community access to biomedical HIV prevention such as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).”*

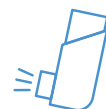
Top 3 most popular paediatric Pathway pages accessed



Rash in  
Unwell Children



Developmental  
Concerns in Children



Non-acute  
Asthma in Children

Top 3 most popular Pathway pages accessed



COVID-19 Active Case  
Management



COVID-19  
Referrals



Antenatal  
– First Consult

New pathways in development  
for 2023



Neurology



Rheumatology



Women's Health -  
Gynaecology



Ophthalmology



Dermatology



Endocrinology  
– Thyroid and  
Osteoporosis



Oral Health



Autism Spectrum  
Disorder

WSLHD  
Dr Benson Riddle

Dr Benson Riddle is medical lead at inTouch Community Care Integrated and Community Health Western Sydney Local Health District.



*“HealthPathways proved invaluable for GPs in Western Sydney to get the extra help that inTouch’s COVID-19 service could provide for many of their more complex and vulnerable patients isolating at home with COVID-19. And soon after the introduction of oral antivirals, inTouch doctors became a great resource for GPs who were coming to grips with the unique requirements around prescribing these - with HealthPathways providing the 1800 number that linked them in so easily.”*

HealthPathways demonstrated being a reliable source of truth to manage COVID-19, as usage and repeat access to these pathways soared. As demonstrated during the COVID-19 pandemic, HealthPathways was able to:

- Readily change up clinic and referral information
- Provide specific management and referral pathways in a timely manner
- Distribute Local Health District, Primary Health Network and Public Health Unit alerts quickly to general practice and primary care

Want to learn more? Do you have a pathway you would like to have developed?

**Contact our Western Sydney HealthPathways Team Today**



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**HEALTHPATHWAYS,  
TRY IT TODAY!**

**Thank you message from the team**

The HealthPathways Team would like to express their sincere gratitude to Western Sydney Community Clinicians, WSPHN, WSLHD, and SCHN department directors, heads of departments, managers, and clinical experts. Thank you for the time and expertise you've given to review and contribute to the growing number of pathways in 2022.

*The information in HealthPathways is developed by the local HealthPathways clinical editorial team, in collaboration with WSLHD and SCHN clinical directors, subject matter experts, including medical, dental, nursing, allied health specialists, pharmacists and general practitioners, and representatives from across the pathway of care. More than 600 Western Sydney experts are involved.*



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