

Local health services this Easter

The Easter long weekend is one of the busiest times of year with extended waiting times at western Sydney hospital emergency departments. Access to the right care at this time of year is often restricted, with many general practices and allied health providers being closed on public holidays.

To help the community access appropriate care when their regular GP or allied health service is closed, we recently conducted an Easter long weekend operating hours survey. A full list of general practices open over this period is available online. A list of 24-hour helplines can also be found on our After Hours webpage.

There are a number of health and medical services who provide after hours care within western Sydney throughout the year. These include GPs, pharmacies and deputising services. Patients can find a local after hours GP or pharmacy by searching the National Health Services Directory at nhsd.com.au. Medical deputising services can arrange a bulk-billed doctor to visit your patients at home during the after hours period. Available services in western Sydney include:

☒ DoctorDoctor: 13 26 60 ☒ ISRA Medical Services (walk-in clinic): 1300 438 362 ☒ My Home GP Sydney: 1300 968 737 ☒ National Home Doctor Service: 13 74 25 Sydney Medical Service Co-operative: 1300 466 347 ☒ 13 CURE: 13 28 73 After hours health care options are also available on the Healthy Western Sydney portal. The portal is designed for public use and contains local health information recommended by health professionals.



Events

Webinar: Discussing pre-conception and pregnancy options

Wednesday 18th April 2018

11:00am - 11:30am

Other News

New pregnancy care guidelines

The Department of Health has released a revised version of the Pregnancy Care Clinical Practice Guidelines. The 2018 edition of the guidelines combines Module 1 and 2 of the Antenatal Care Guidelines, published in 2012 and 2014 respectively. The guidelines are designed for all health professionals caring for pregnant women.

Seasonal influenza vaccination

Six age-specific influenza vaccines will be available free of charge to eligible people under government programs from mid-April. Please distribute the NSW Health information to all doctors and staff in your practice.

My Health Record webinar

The Australian Department of Health is holding a national 'Diagnostic Reports and My Health Record' webinar for health care providers on Tuesday 27th March. There are two live sessions to choose from and you must register for your preferred session beforehand. Click on the below times to register.

2:00pm - 3:00pm or 7:30pm - 8:30pm.

Dyspnea research

The University of New South Wales and The George Institute for Global Health invites GPs to take part in a focus group on developing a clinical algorithm for addressing breathlessness in primary care patients.

Lead by Professor Christine Jenkins (Professor of Respiratory Medicine, UNSW Sydney, Clinical Professor, Department of Thoracic Medicine, Concord Hospital), focus groups will discuss issues, identify possible barriers and establish appropriate solutions around dyspnea, working towards developing a time-efficient, evidence-based diagnostic and management tool.

If you are interested in participating please email Allison Humphries at ahumphries@georgeinstitute.org.au

GP Association meeting

The below GP Association meeting is coming up in western Sydney:

Hills: Improving asthma symptom control in general practice - Wednesday 4th April

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