

Placing patients at centre of health care reform

Last Friday, WentWest was pleased to launch the Understanding Patient Centred Medical Home (PCMH) Transitions in Western Sydney report at the 4th International Health Care Reform Conference in Sydney.

The report, a joint initiative between WentWest and Western Sydney University, describes the implementation of PCMH in western Sydney, focusing on the current continuum of primary care transformation in western Sydney; the costs and resources required to adopt the PCMH model which are relatively small investments relative to current significant investments in the health system, as well as exploring the feasibility of evaluation approaches and data collection methods for future research.

The PCMH model enables the provision of patient-centred care which can enhance patient experience, improve the working life of health care providers; improve overall population health outcomes and reduce costs to not only the health system, but also the patient.

Leader of the research team Western Sydney University (WSU) Professor, Jenny Reath presented the report's findings, "With accumulating evidence that patient-centred medical homes can deliver high quality primary health care, western Sydney's social and cultural diversity has provided fertile ground in which to pilot this health care innovation."

WentWest CEO, Walter Kmet said of the report, "WentWest is very pleased to partner with Western Sydney University on such an important report that provides evidence of the impact of investments in the PCMH approach."

"We look forward to continuing this important research with WSU as well as supporting general practices to adopt in this ground-breaking model across western Sydney," says Adj. Assoc. Prof. Kmet.

Read the full report online.



Adj. Assoc. Prof. Walter Kmet, Prof. Claire Jackson, Dr. Robert Phillips, Prof. Jenny Reath and Dr. Jaspreet Saini at the launch.

Events

Mental health assessment and management - Two-day workshop

Saturday 14th April 2018

8:15am - 5:00pm

Risk assessment and complexity in mental health assessment and management

Sunday 15th April 2018

8:15am - 5:00pm

Webinar: Pre-conception and early pregnancy - discussing options with your patients

Wednesday 18th April 2018

11:00am - 11:30am

Other News

ePIP quarter ending soon

Practices that are registered for ePIP are now required to meet their Shared Health Summary (SHS) upload target of 0.5 percent of their Standardised Whole Patient Equivalent (SWPE) for My Health Record each quarter to be eligible for ePIP payments.

The current ePIP quarter ends on Monday 30th April.

Contact the Practice Development Team on 8811 7117 for support, resources or training.

New Quitline referral form

The Cancer Institute NSW and NSW Quitline have launched the NSW Quitline online referral form.

The online form is secure, and makes it easier for all health professionals to refer clients to the NSW Quitline for support to stop smoking.

Seniors take charge of their own health

Older Australians are being urged to consider their ongoing health and the benefits of having a My Health Record during the NSW Seniors Festival which is about to launch across NSW on Wednesday 4th April.

A media release is available on our website to help promote the benefits of having a My Health Record to senior patients.

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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