

Pathway to local health resources

HealthPathways are clinically-developed pathways for western Sydney health professionals that provide locally relevant, up-to-date information on an extensive range of health conditions. The pathways are an online manual for general practice teams to help manage and refer patients to secondary, tertiary and community services. These have been designed for use during consultations and are jointly developed by consensus and collaboration between specialists and general practice teams.

The HealthPathways portal can assist with:

Assessing and managing medical conditions Referring patients to western Sydney hospitals, specialist and other specialised services Locating the answers in a quick and simple way The portal was introduced in November 2013 and has become a time-saving, efficient reference point for health professionals in western Sydney with a staggering 13,619 page views during March. There are currently 381 pathways available with more being released regularly, making the portal an evolving, online resource tool that's easily accessible and relevant for local health professionals.

To access HealthPathways, visit: westernsydney.healthpathways.org.au and sign in using the below: Username: health Password: w3stern

If you would like to be involved with reviewing HealthPathways or joining one of the HealthPathways Working Groups, please email the team at healthpathways@wentwest.com.au.

For more information, contact us on 8811 7100 or healthpathways@wentwest.com.au.



Events

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

Wednesday 18th April 2018

11:00am - 11:30am

Diabetes support group: Blood glucose monitoring

Tuesday 24th April 2018

5:45pm - 7:00pm

Curing hepatitis C in primary care

Tuesday 1st May 2018

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Palliative approach for general practitioners

Tuesday 8th May 2018

6:30pm - 9:00pm

Other News

Hepatitis A alert

An outbreak of hepatitis A in February and March has been linked to 'Creative Gourmet' frozen pomegranate products. Patients who have consumed frozen pomegranate and have symptoms of hepatitis should be tested with hepatitis A serology.

Please see the attached NSW Health GP information sheet for more details.

Public consultation: Meningococcal and Hib vaccination recommendations

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation's (ATAGI) public consultation is now open on proposed changes to meningococcal and Haemophilus influenzae type B vaccination recommendations in the Australian Immunisation Handbook (Handbook).

The public consultation document can be accessed on the Department of Health's website and closes on Sunday 6th May.

Participate in an acute low back pain study

Macquarie University is undertaking a study on understanding the experiences of Australian primary care practitioners treating patients with recent onset of low back pain, via a brief 10 min on-line survey.

More information including eligibility criteria and access to the survey is available online.

GP Association meetings

The below GP Association meetings are coming up in western Sydney:

Blacktown: The role of inhaled corticosteroids and dual bronchodilation in COPD, Wednesday 18th April.

Westmead: Mental Health, Wednesday 18th April.

Mount Druitt: Challenges in type 2 diabetes, Friday 27th April.

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