

## Ever growing library of clinical pathways

With the recent publication of breast cancer pathways Western Sydney HealthPathways have reached a new milestone surpassing 400 pathways. Each pathway is developed using the expertise and experience of local GPs, hospital specialists, nursing, and allied health professionals, to help ensure western Sydney patients receive the right care, at the right time, by the right health professional.

This is a significant milestone for the program and Western Sydney Primary Health Network would like to acknowledge the huge amount of effort that goes into the coordination and development of these pathways by the HealthPathways team.

Since its initial launch in November 2013, the program has continued to gain momentum and over 270 Western Sydney health professionals have participated in the development of locally clinically agreed pathways across a wide variety of health conditions and specialist areas.

In 2018 HealthPathways will continue to grow and evolve. Several new clinical streams are underway, additional functionality and integration is planned for the site, including a mobile friendly design and the integration of GoShare, a patient education platform.

If you are a health professional in western Sydney and would like to have access to the HealthPathways website, use the below login details: Username: health Password: w3stern

If you can't find a health pathway, let the team know if you would like one to be developed or localised. Contact the team via [healthpathways@wentwest.com.au](mailto:healthpathways@wentwest.com.au) or 8811 7100 for more information.



## Events

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### My Health Record - Be My Health Record ready

Wednesday 15th August 2018

6:30pm - 9:30pm

### Cardiac health series: Hypertension

Monday 20th August 2018

6:30pm - 9:00pm

### Medico-legal workshop: privacy, confidentiality and data breaches

Wednesday 22nd August 2018

6:30pm - 9:30pm

### Antenatal shared care education

Saturday 25th August 2018

12:30pm - 5:00pm

## Other News

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### Release of NSW clinical Guidelines: Treatment of Opioid Dependence

The new NSW Clinical Guidelines: Treatment of Opioid Dependence (the Guidelines) are now available on the NSW Health website.

The Guidelines provide clinical guidance and strategic policy direction to the provision of opioid treatment in NSW and aim to:

☑Improve access to opioid treatment ☑Personalise patient care ☑Support effective coordination of care Among the many updates in the new Guidelines is an enhanced focus on the issue of 'Fitness to Drive' and the assessment of patients on the OTP in this regard.

### National cervical screening program newsletter

The latest edition of the National Cervical Screening Program (NCSP) e-newsletter is now available, helping health professionals keep up-to-date with the latest news and procedures on the NCSP.

### Action plan for lung conditions

Lung Foundation Australia is developing the first National Strategic Action Plan for Lung Conditions through funding from the Australian Government Department of Health.

To begin the consultation process, complete the online survey.

## Gout Self-Management App

Researchers at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) are evaluating the usefulness of a mobile app to achieve target serum urate concentrations in people with gout. GPs who have seen patients with gout in the last year are invited to participate in this research project along with their patients. RACGP and ACCRM accredited professional development points are available for participating GPs.

Contact Jacob Bechara on 1800 931 54 or email [med.gout.app@unsw.edu.au](mailto:med.gout.app@unsw.edu.au)

## GP Association meetings

The following GP association meetings are coming up in western Sydney:

The Hills: Palliative care challenges in general practice, Wednesday 15 August.

Blacktown: Walking into good health: Community initiative to promote smoking cessation, Wednesday 22 August.

Westmead: GP Update- Fertility & IVF, Wednesday 22 August.

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