

Improving immunisation rates in western Sydney

The Immunisation Bike Competition has started and we are off to a great start, with over 180 practices and three immunisation council clinics registered to boost the region's childhood immunisation rates. The competition runs until 31st January 2019 and it is a great opportunity for general practices to be a part of this nationally acclaimed initiative.

It's not too late to register! Simply complete the registration form and email to the Practice Development Team at support@wentwest.com.au.

General practices who are registered should have already received promotional packs such as, posters and immunisation reminder templates as well as entry forms, wristbands, stickers and a certificate for participating children.

Practices are also encouraged to log into the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to download and review their AIR10A overdue immunisation practice report. The AIR for vaccination providers eLearning program details how to access and record information on the AIR. If you require assistance please contact your Practice Development Officer or the Help Desk on 8811 7117 (option 2).

Further information on immunisation can be found via HealthPathways, offering health professionals a suite of information and resources for influenza, measles and childhood immunisation. Using the below login details:

Username: health Password: w3stern



Events

Commissioning Information Session

Wednesday 5th December 2018

9:15am - 11:30am

Webinar: Accessing the My Health Record via the National Provider Portal

Tuesday 11th December 2018

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Other News

Tender Opportunities

We're seeking proposals for innovative projects to support healthy ageing for older people in western Sydney. The proposals should address at least one of the following priorities; access to healthy ageing and falls prevention programs, service navigation and advocacy, building residential aged care workforce capabilities.

For more information visit [Tenderlink](#) and download the link for an information webinar to be held on the 5th December at 12:00PM.

Festive season operating hours survey

The festive season is the busiest time of year for western Sydney hospital emergency departments. The increased influx in presentations to Emergency Departments over this period can lead to extended waiting times to access care.

To help create awareness within the local community of the availability of primary care providers during this period we require details of the amended operating hours of general practices in western Sydney. Please complete the online survey to help us gain a clearer understanding of the primary care services available during the festive season.

Online resource study

We're seeking general practitioners and registrars working in western Sydney who use general practice management software Best Practice or Medical Director to participate in a study. The aim of the study is to understand the usual care practices of general practitioners in the region when providing patient care for childhood conditions.

All participants will be paid \$250 for their time. If you are interested in participating in the study or would like more information, please contact The Science of Knowing.

My Health Record – Opt in or opt out at any time

On Monday 26th November, the Australian Parliament passed legislation to strengthen privacy protections in My Health Records Act 2012. The new legislation means individuals can opt in or opt out of My Health Record at any time and can delete their record permanently.

A My Health Record will be created for every Australian who wants one after 31st January 2019.

Read the Australian Digital Health Agency's media release for more information.

GP Association meeting

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

Hills: No Hep C in the Hills, Wednesday 5th December.

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