

## National Bowel Cancer Screening Program

Bowel Cancer Awareness Month is an annual initiative of Bowel Cancer Australia, aimed at raising awareness about Australia's second deadliest cancer. In 2018 bowel cancer claimed the lives of 4,100 people. Saving lives through early detection is the key message of this campaign.

The National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) aims to reduce deaths from bowel cancer through early detection of the disease. The NBCSP Home Test Kit allows patients to screen at home. Since the program began in August 2006, approximately 4.4 million NBCSP screening tests have been completed.

GPs can access resources for patients on the Bowel Cancer Australia website to increase understanding and offer advice around treatments available. Furthermore Indigenous Bowel Screening has a range of information for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

A bowel cancer screening pathway is available in HealthPathways. Access this and other bowel related pathways using the following login details:

Username: health Password: w3stern



## Events

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### Hepatitis B and C Updates for Chinese GPs

Saturday 15th June 2019

6:00pm - 9:00pm

### Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training

Tuesday 18th June 2019

6:00pm - 9:30pm

### General Practice Quality Improvement Series: Accreditation & Data Driven Improvement

Tuesday 18th June 2019

6:00pm - 9:00pm

### Webinar - My Health Record for Practice Nurses

Wednesday 26th June 2019

1:00pm - 2:00pm

## Other News

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### Nurse Transition Program

We are partnering with Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) to offer nurses in western Sydney the opportunity to take part in the APNA Transition to Practice Program.

This program offers:

- ☑ 12 months of support for nurses who have just started (or are still) learning the ropes of primary health care; and
- ☑ The opportunity for experienced nurses to pass on their experience as a clinical and professional mentor

Applications close Friday 28th June. Find out more about this opportunity on the APNA website.

### Seasonal Influenza Update

The annual influenza season has begun earlier than usual and influenza activity is high across NSW. Antiviral treatment should be considered for all patients with confirmed or suspected influenza at increased risk of complications.

Please continue to vaccinate high-risk patients, including young children, pregnant women, Aboriginal people, those with chronic medical conditions and all people aged 65 years and over. The NSW Ministry of Health has released a Seasonal Influenza Update with more information. Please distribute this alert to all relevant staff in your practice.

## Digitally Enabled Healthcare

The Australian Digital Health Agency, in partnership with the Australian College of Nursing, has released new e-learning modules on My Health Record. The new training will ensure nurses are able to use My Health Record in their everyday practice so that information is consistent across the health care sector to improve patient outcomes.

For the full media release on how nurses can benefit from the new online training modules visit the My Health Record website.

## GP Association meetings

The following GP Association meetings are coming up in western Sydney/Blacktown: MRI Knee and Knee Anatomy, Wednesday 19th June.

Mount Druitt: Hepatitis C - Zero C at the Druitt, Friday 28th June.

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