



Weekly Update



Community to Drive Cervical Screening in Western Sydney

[Test Out West](#), launched by [Family Planning NSW](#), funded by the Cancer Institute NSW, aims to engage people in Western Sydney on the important topic, screening to save lives. The campaign is educating and empowering young women to get the Cervical Screening Test, by using real, local women from Western Sydney in their campaign to talk about the importance of screening.

Rob Hardy, Health Promotion Manager with Family Planning NSW, says "Community spirit is at the heart of the new project". "The main goal behind the campaign is to educate young women about the change to cervical screening, and explain the new schedule for the Cervical Screening Test." Mr Hardy says.

In NSW, women aged 25 to 34 from Western and South-Western Sydney have the lowest rates of cervical screening compared to the rest of the state. Cervical cancer is one of the most preventable cancers – screening can detect changes before the cancer develops. Together the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine and the Cervical Screening Test can prevent cervical cancer.

Information for health care providers about their role in the [National Cervical Screening Program](#) is available on the Department of Health webpage.

Western Sydney health professionals can also access [Cervical Screening pathways](#) on the HealthPathways website using the following login details:

Username: **health**

Password: **w3stern**



Events



Jan

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Western Sydney Mental Health Plan - Workshop for Service Providers, Peak Bodies, Academic Partners and the Local Health District

Friday 31st Jan, 9:00am - 1:00pm

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The Role of GPs in Managing Obesity and Diabetic Retinopathy

Tuesday 4th Feb, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

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Feb

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An Introduction to Quality Improvement for PIP QI

Tuesday 25th Feb, 6:00pm - 8:30pm

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Other News



Burn Management Pathways

HealthPathways are clinically developed, online pathways for Western Sydney health professionals that provide locally relevant, up-to-date information on an extensive range of health conditions.

Due to the fire emergencies, we have gone live with the following pathways:

- [Burn Injuries](#)
- [Burn Injuries – First Aid](#)
- [Specialist Burns Management Referrals](#)

Access these and other related pathways using the following login details:

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Call for Expressions of Interest

GPs are invited to submit an expression of interest to sit in with the registrars as they consult with pregnant women at the Antenatal clinic at Westmead Hospital. GPs will also have the opportunity for a Q&A with Dr Anpalagan. The clinic educational sessions will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, running from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

This opportunity is particularly suitable for Antenatal Shared Care Registered GPs who need to fulfill their educational requirements for the new triennium. The first session will be held on Wednesday 5th February. Register your interest by emailing support@wentwest.com.au with your full name, practice name, email and mobile.

Mental Health Support for Bushfire Affected Communities

In light of Australia's current bushfire crisis, during times of disaster it is important for individuals to have access to support resources. To help communicate updates and link people to useful resources, Please visit our first [Weekly Update](#) of the year.

In these difficult times, it's important to be mindful of monitoring and assessing your own physical and emotional health needs and reaching out and encouraging others to seek help if required.

Further [Bushfire information and support](#) is also available on the Department of Health website.

GP Association Meetings

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

[Mount Druitt](#): Women's Imaging, Friday 31st January.

[Hills](#): Beat the Heat - GP Responses to Heat and Smoke, Tuesday 4th February.

[Blacktown](#): Clinical Challenges in Airway Diseases, Wednesday 19th February.



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