

New CPD Event Policies and Changes

This year marks the new [Royal Australian College of General Practitioners \(RACGP\) triennium](#) and there are some important changes that health care professionals need to be made aware of.

While the mandatory minimum requirements and continuing professional development (CPD) points allocation system for activities have not changed, there is now no cap on points for GP self-recorded activities. The program, which has been renamed as 'the RACGP CPD Program', requires GPs to attain 130 points including:

- Two Accredited Activities (formerly Category 1 activities)
- One Basic Life Support/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

The new RACGP CPD is made to be simpler, stronger and seamless. We are recognised as an RACGP Education Provider in the 2020–22 Triennium and this year we will offer a wide range of education events across our region to support primary health care providers. We would like to remind stakeholders of the following requirements which apply to our events:

- Please ensure that you register for all events you wish to attend. Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and many events have a maximum number of people which can be accepted due to venue size and catering arrangements. We recommend that individuals register early to avoid disappointment.
- Please check the target audience prior to registering for an event. Many of our events are targeted to a specific audience group – for example, GPs only or Practice Managers only. If you do not fall into the target audience, we may not be able to accept your registration.
- In the event that a session is fully booked, you will be informed of this and given the option to have your name placed on a wait list. If there are any cancellations, people on the wait list will be contacted in order.
- To register for an event simply fill out your details on the flyer provided on our website and email it back to events@wentwest.com.au Please note that we will shortly have an updated online event registration process. More information regarding the upgrade is to come.
- Due to high demand for our CPD events, we may not always be able to accommodate people who 'show up' at the event without having received a confirmation of registration.
- **Cancellation policy:** If you are unable to attend an event you have registered for, please contact the [Events team](#) at your earliest convenience to cancel your booking. This allows us to ensure correct catering requirements, and have the opportunity to offer a place to individuals who may be on the wait list.

- Our team sends event reminders via email (usually 48 hours prior to the event) providing we have this contact information on file. Please ensure we have your correct contact details to ensure you receive this information.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Events team at events@wentwest.com.au or by calling [8811 7100](tel:88117100)



Events



Feb

06

Heart Health Checks: The Critical Role of the Practice Nurse

Thursday 6th Feb, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

[FLYER](#)

Feb

19

Webinar - Cold Chain Monitoring and Safe Vaccine Management

Wednesday 19th Feb, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

[FLYER](#)

Feb

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Consumer Enablement Spotlight Series

Tuesday 25th Feb, 12:00pm - 2:30pm

[FLYER](#)

Other News



2019 Novel Coronavirus - Update

Information about novel coronavirus is available from the [Australian Government Department of Health](#) (DoH), [NSW Health](#) and [HealthDirect](#). We encourage you to regularly check these pages for new and updated information.

At this point in time we have not been advised of any cases of novel coronavirus 2019 (2019 - nCoV) in our region, we are mindful that general practices are likely to be the first point of contact for patients concerned about the current situation or who are seeking more information. An [updated advice for General Practitioners](#) is available.

NSW Health asks GPs that:

- Before referring a suspect patient to the local pathology collection service, check that the service is able to take the sample. If not you should refer the patient to the local ED (but call ahead so the ED can prepare).
- You should ask suspect patients to self-isolate and provide them with a [fact sheet](#).
- Where you have concerns about the ability of a patient to self-isolate, for example in residential facilities, please call the public health unit on [1300 066 055](#).

The Chief Medical Officer and Minister for Health have also held a press conference, during which they [recommended GPs and practice staff should wear masks if assessing a patient who may meet the criteria](#).

NSW Bushfires Information on Respiratory Issues

Bushfire smoke can affect anyone but particularly people over 65, children 14 years and younger, pregnant women and those with existing heart or lung conditions, including asthma. It is important to ensure those with asthma have asthma management plans, medication on hand and that they are activating plans based on symptoms and exposure.

Visit the [NSW Health website](#) for information on air quality during bushfires.

Are you a GP who sees Workers' Compensation Patients?

Monash University is partnering with icare, Beyond Blue, and a number of workers compensation organisations on a new NHMRC-funded Partnership trial entitled "Implementing work-related Mental health guidelines in general PRactiCE (IMPRovE). Their aim is to improve practice by building engagement with their peers. The trial will commence in early 2020 and will be seeking participation from GPs who see a large number of patients with work-related compensation claims. If you would like to hear more about this project, please visit monash.edu/improve-trial or contact improve.trial@monash.edu or call (03) 9905 9343.

GP Association Meetings

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

Blacktown: Clinical Challenges in Airway Diseases, Wednesday 19th February.

Mount Druitt: Management of Complex Patients with Atrial Fibrillation, Friday 28th February.

Westmead: Fertility GP Updates, Wednesday 25th March.



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