

Generally Speaking

Information for Gold Coast general practices



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National cervical screening changes

From December 1, the two yearly Pap test for women aged 18 to 69 will change to a five yearly human papillomavirus (HPV) test for women aged 25 to 74. Women will be due for the first HPV test two years after their last Pap test. The changes include:

- women will be invited when they are due to participate via the National Cancer Screening Register
- the screening age starts at age 25 (previously age 18)
- the time between tests will change from two to five years
- women aged 70 to 74 will be invited to have an exit test
- the Pap smear will be replaced with the more accurate Cervical Screening Test
- the sample medium will be liquid based (no fixed slides)
- self-collection will be available soon to patients 30 years of age or older who have declined to have a cervical sample collected and are either overdue for cervical screening by two years or more or have never screened.

HPV vaccinated women still require cervical screening as the HPV vaccine does not protect against all the types of HPV that cause cervical cancer.

In addition to not smoking, two important ways of preventing cervical cancer are cervical screening tests and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination. HPV vaccination is funded for Year 7 girls and boys through the School Immunisation Program, or through the National Immunisation Program Expansion for adolescents up to the age of 20 who missed it.

Practices should have received a package from the Department of Health containing information about the changes and resources including patient brochures and information on which test to request on the pathology form.

These resources can also be ordered at:

www.cancerscreening.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/resources-menu

Further information: www.cancerscreening.gov.au

Training opportunity

Clinicians can update their knowledge through the free online, training modules (RACGP accredited) on the NPS website: <https://learn.nps.org.au/mod/page/view.php?id=7804>

Renewed National Cervical Screening Program MBS items

GPs should be aware that specific terminology is required when writing on the pathology request form. It is important to note, that if ordering a 'Pap' or 'smear' test after December 1, patients may be charged for this test. New MBS items will be in place from December 1 for the new screening program. These are:

Item	High level overview
73070	Cervical screening for an asymptomatic patient
73071	Self collect screening for an asymptomatic patient
73072	HPV test for a symptomatic patient/screening in specific populations/follow up test or post treatment for clinical management
73073	Follow up self collect HPV test for clinical management
73074	HPV test after total hysterectomy
73075	Repeat HPV test following an unsatisfactory HPV test
73076	Cytology of cervical or vaginal vault specimen

NB: the item numbers for the PIP are not changing.

Details available online at: www.mbsonline.gov.au

Useful information on cancer screening available at:

Self-collection samples

The National Cervical Screening Program has advised that healthcare providers who conduct cervical screening tests should not offer the self-collected option to eligible women until further notice.

Self-collection will only be implemented when the laboratory, platform testing processes and equipment attain the various accreditation requirements, which is currently underway. Laboratories are not yet accredited to perform the test which is therefore not claimable against the MBS.

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Dr David Rowlands
Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) Board Chair

We have now published our Annual Report highlighting some of the work we have done with practices, Gold Coast health professionals and the community. We would like to thank you for your continued support in improving patient care on the Gold Coast. Our work includes:

- A total of 139 general practices are now participating in the tiered approach to practice support.
- Launching early and post treatment support services for alcohol and drug services for the growing northern Gold Coast corridor, and for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
- From July 2016 - June 2017, with Bond and Griffith universities, GCPHN facilitated 240 final year medical student placements and 248 introductory medical student placements.
- As at October 29, 2017, 159 Gold Coast general practices were registered for My Health Record and 120,105 Gold Coast consumers now have a My Health Record.
- The appointment of four GPs with a special interest to treat patients waiting for specialist appointments, has resulted in reduced waiting times at GCHHS.
- Childhood immunisation rates continue to meet targets with rates in October – December 2016 for the 24 month and 60 month age groups being the highest recorded within the Gold Coast region.
- As at 30 June 2017, the number of practices registered as Closing the Gap providers is at an all-time high at 117.
- From July - 2016 - June 2017, GCPHN facilitated 71 education and training events covering topics including immunisation, cancer screening awareness, women's health, My Health Record, practice data extraction tools and wound management.

To see the annual report visit:
www.healthyc.com.au/About/About-GCPHN.aspx#10111

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I look forward to our continued work together in building one world class health system for the Gold Coast.

Practices invited to offer clinical placements for nurses

Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) is working with Griffith University School of Nursing and Midwifery to coordinate clinical placements in General Practice for student nurses.

GCPHN would like to invite practices to become involved with the education of the future nursing workforce by offering clinical placements to nursing students.

For details, visit the Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) HealthyGC website:
www.healthyc.com.au/opportunities



Dr Lisa Beecham
General Practice Gold Coast (GPGC) Board Chair

GPGC has had a very successful year and my thanks must go to the members for their enthusiastic participation and involvement with GPGC without which we would not be such a well-regarded, successful organisation. Thanks must go to our long-standing contract staff in what has been a very busy year. A special mention for dedicated ongoing work by Elaine Cawt (Board Support), Trish McDonald (Administration) and Diann Jones (Financial Support services). I thank the Board and am honoured to have served as the Chair of a dedicated group of Board Directors: Kate Shapland, Simon Thatcher, Leeann Carr-Brown and Prakash Appanna. At the GPGC AGM on December 1, 2017, the same Board Directors were re-elected unopposed.

GPGC activities this year have focused on the provision of General Practice networking events, educational events, business event, small group learning groups and provision of being the doctor's doctor and GP self-care. GPGC has now established a database of GPs who are happy to provide medical care for other doctors. Our events have often been in partnership with other organisations and including GCPHN.

This year GPGC has continued to provide strategic input to the Integrated Care Alliance, GCPHN Clinical Council, Workforce Committee, PHCIC Committee and the Clinical Reference Group. GPGC remains one of the three members of GCPHN.

Our GPGC Strategic Plan was reviewed in detail in 2016 and revised in 2017 and the focus moving forward will be supporting general practitioners and their staff to assist better health outcomes for the Gold Coast. The updated plan is available on the website.

In 2018 our focus will be on delivering what GPGC members want, so please have your say and email ideas to admin@gpgc.com.au.

GPGC will continue to be involved with the Integrated Care Alliance (ICA) and will have a strong voice for the landscape that is General Practice on the Gold Coast. There is representation by GPs on each of the sub groups of the ICA and it is important that with this new initiative for better delivery of integrated care across the coast, that GPs remain central for best patient outcomes. Please get involved with the development of the model of care pathways as they roll out and help shape a better future for health on the Gold Coast.

Once again thanks for the support for GPGC members this year and we look forward to providing relevant events for General Practice into 2018.

What's new on the HealthyGC website?

New oral health resources

The next suite of clinical specialty resources are now available and were developed in collaboration with Gold Coast Health specialists and the General Practice Liaison Unit. The resources include up-to-date information for GPs on referrals to oral health services on the Gold Coast.
www.healthyc.com.au/Resources/Clinical-Specialities/Oral-Health.aspx

New maxillofacial resources

The resources section of the HealthyGC website now includes current Maxillofacial Resources for GPs. These resources include up-to-date information in regards to emergencies, local clinics and services, specific conditions and referral information. Visit:
www.healthyc.com.au/Resources/Clinical-Specialities/Maxillofacial.aspx



Putting the pieces together to improve patient care

Getting handover to the community right ...completes the puzzle.

To promote the importance of effective clinical handover and the delivery of safe, high quality patient-centred care, Gold Coast Health has passed the baton across a range of local healthcare organisations including Gold Coast Health staff, Gold Coast Primary Health Network, Gold Coast Integrated Care, public health, general practices, aged care, allied health and universities. The message was clear - to promote the links between health services to work together to achieve effective transfer for patient care to ensure a seamless transition, to ensure patients receive the right care, at the right place, at the right time by the right person.



Tips for GPs for better clinical handover

- GPs now have access to Gold Coast Health clinical information such as blood test/ medical imaging results, medications, diagnoses and discharge summaries. Access timely information by registering/searching on the Health Provider Portal at: <https://hpp.health.qld.gov.au>
- When referring your patient to Gold Coast Health, ensure you provide the correct clinical information by utilising the most up to date electronic referral templates located at www.healthyc.com.au/referrals. The referral templates outline the pre-requisite investigations required for Gold Coast Health to accept your referral.
- Ask your patients to update your GP details when they visit Gold Coast Health, to ensure you will receive their health information.
- If you require any further information or have any suggestions to improve safety and quality related to clinical handover and discharge processes between our services please forward to passthebaton@health.qld.gov.au



When examining an infant the following findings are concerning:

- a white pupil or white (instead of red) reflex on eye examination
- painless firm neck swelling that is increasing in size
- suspected infantile spasms (beware the infant with intermittent head bobbing with or without arm extension)
- inguinal hernia that cannot be reduced
- ambiguous genitalia including bilateral ABSENT testes
- absent femoral pulses
- infants <3 months old with a murmur AND poor feeding or poor weight gain or weak femoral pulses or respiratory signs such as recession or tachypnoea.

These children should be referred for urgent out-patient assessment. Consider the amount and quality of information provided as this makes a difference to infants being assessed in a timely manner.

For more information on Paediatric Referral Criteria/Guidelines visit the General Paediatrics Clinical Prioritisation Criteria at: <https://cpc.health.qld.gov.au/Specialty/17/general-paediatrics>

What GPs and patients should know about the NDIS

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way of providing individualised support for people with disability in Australia. The NDIS is progressively rolling out across Queensland from July 2018 and will be available for people living on the Gold Coast. It is estimated the NDIS will improve the lives of 91,000 Queenslanders with disability, their families and carers.

The NDIS will provide all eligible Australians, under age 65, who have a permanent and significant disability, with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to enjoy an ordinary life. To become an NDIS participant a person must:

- have a permanent disability significantly affecting their ability to take part in everyday activities
- be aged less than 65 when they first enter the NDIS
- be an Australian citizen or hold a permanent visa or a Protected Special Category visa
- live in Australia where the NDIS is available

Participants can apply to enter the NDIS up to six months prior to the scheme rolling out in their region. NDIS on the Gold Coast commences on 1 July 2018.

GP information

GPs and other health professionals may be asked to provide evidence to support a request to access the NDIS. This may involve:

- completing the Supporting Evidence section of the NDIS Access Request Form
- documenting that the person has or is likely to have a permanent disability
- providing copies of reports or assessments relevant to the diagnosis, outlining the extent of the functional impact of the disability

GPs don't have to send a prospective participant to a specialist to complete an Access Request Form. GPs can summarise existing medical reports so they describe not just the diagnosis, but also the impact of the disability on the person's function.

Detailed steps on how GPs can assist people with their NDIS Access Request Form and further information about the role health professionals play, view the *GP's Guide to the NDIS* factsheet. www.ndis.gov.au/medias/documents/hb6/h13/8803902619678/GP-Factsheet-web.pdf

GP assistance

Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) will be assisting GPs, specialists and allied health providers who work in primary care to understand their role in supporting their patients to access services under the NDIS.

Upcoming events

In conjunction with the NDIA, GCPHN will be hosting NDIS information sessions for GPs, allied health and specialists. The first event is planned for **February 12 2018**. For further information in relation to this event or if you would like to book a practice visit by our NDIS team, please email mentalhealthAOD@gcphn.com.au. A second event is planned for March 13.

For further information visit the Queensland page on the NDIS website at www.ndis.gov.au

Gold Coast cancer screening rates

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2015-2016 report for the national bowel, breast and cervical screening programs has been released. This shows that there is room for improvement on the Gold Coast and GPs are encouraged to check with their patients on a regular basis, that they are up-to-date with their screening.

Average Program Participation Rate (% of those invited)

Screening Program	Gold Coast	Australia
Bowel (ages 50-74 yrs)	38.5	40.9
Breast (ages 50-74 yrs)	54.3	54.8
Cervical (ages 20-69 yrs)	54.2	55.4

If you are interested in the full report, visit: www.aihw.gov.au/reports/cancer-screening/cancer-screening-in-australia-by-small-geographic/contents/cancer-screening-programs

Clinical practice guidelines for colorectal cancer

The National Health and Medical Research Council has approved the *2017 Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention, Early Detection and Management of Colorectal Cancer*. These guidelines provide information and recommendations to guide practice across the continuum of bowel cancer care including prevention, screening and diagnosis, clinical aspects of surgery, treatment, follow-up and psychosocial care. The evidence overwhelmingly supports the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program as the best model for population screening in Australia.

The recommended strategy for population screening, directed at those of average risk of bowel cancer and without relevant symptoms, is immunochemical faecal occult blood testing every two years, starting at age 50 years and continuing to age 74 years.

Importantly, the guidelines advise GPs to discourage over-screening using colonoscopy. Inappropriate use of colonoscopy as a screening method increases demand on hospital services and exposes patients to increased risk of harm.

The guidelines recognise the critical role of GPs in supporting this life-saving program. Encouragement by GPs and practice staff substantially boosts participation in screening, and can increase the program's effectiveness and cost-effectiveness. Key changes to the guidelines relating to the program and how GPs can support the program in line with the NHMRC's evidence-based recommendations can be found at: www.cancerscreening.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/clinical-guidelines

Please note that the *NHMRC Clinical Practice Guidelines for Surveillance Colonoscopy* are currently under review. These will focus on the appropriate use of surveillance colonoscopy in patients after removal of adenomas, curative resection for bowel cancer and inflammatory bowel disease. It is anticipated these will be published in 2018.

Medicare funded BRCA testing

From November 1, high risk patients can have genetic testing of BRCA1 and BRCA2 (as well as five other genes associated with breast cancer risk). In all cases, the test must be ordered by a specialist or consultant physician and appropriate genetic testing needs to be provided. Details about the new Medicare item numbers, 73296 and 73297 are here: www.mbsonline.gov.au

GP Event: Opioid use in primary care

Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) and Gold Coast Health (GCH) are holding an event for local GPs and practice nurses about opioid prescribing in primary care. Proactive management in General Practice is the key to reducing patient harm. Areas of concern can be discussed with GCH addiction specialists on a range of topics including:

- current opioid use, trends and data
- identifying misuse or overreliance in patients
- medical withdrawal and treatment
- use of a screening tool that can be transferred into use in the primary care setting for early identification and intervention
- upcoming changes to the electronic transfer of medication summaries between GCH and GPs
- how the GCH pharmacy team work to identify and minimise potential misuse of patients

A representative from the Queensland Pharmacy Guild will discuss scheduling of opioids, real-time monitoring system for codeine and how community pharmacy is supporting patients to ensure effective patient readiness for the 1 February 2018 changes.

Date: February 6, 2018, 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Venue: Sharks Event Centre, Southport

CPD points have been applied for.

Details: www.healthycg.com.au/AOD-Education-Event

Practice opportunity for support from the GP Psychiatry Service

Gold Coast Primary Health Network, in collaboration with Gold Coast Health, is seeking expressions of interest from GP practices who would like to nominate their practice for the Gold Coast Health GP Psychiatry Service.

This service consists of a GP Liaison Officer (psychiatry registrar) under the supervision of a consultant psychiatrist, who offer telephone support or attend the GP practice on a fortnightly basis, to assist the GP with their patients.

The service is a great contact point for advice regarding medication optimisation, management strategies, or referral pathways for challenging or high-risk patients. The service can also provide advice for GPs treating patients who are otherwise not indicated for further case management by the Mental Health Service but require additional support. Practices are rotated on a six monthly basis.

To express your interest, email: mentalhealthAOD@gcphn.com.au with your practice details and contact person.

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RACGP 5th Edition Standards

Have you seen the new *5th Edition RACGP Standards*? If not you can access them through the GCPHN website: www.healthycg.com.au/Resources/Practice-Support/Accreditation-in-General-Practice.aspx#9494

In October 2017, the RACGP Standards (5th Ed.) were released. Pages 1-4 of the standards explain the key changes and how they were developed. Practices will still be able to be accredited against the fourth edition standards up to October 2018. From November 2018, all practices undergoing accreditation will be assessed against the new standards.

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MBS Changes

The Department of Health has announced changes to a number of MBS items, some of which will affect General Practice. You can view any recent updates on the MBS page on the GCPHN HealthyGC website: [www.healthycg.com.au/Resources/Practice-Support/Medicare-Benefits-Schedule-\(MBS\).aspx#9763](http://www.healthycg.com.au/Resources/Practice-Support/Medicare-Benefits-Schedule-(MBS).aspx#9763)

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Using CAT to identify patients eligible for the My Health For Life Program

CAT4 can be used to identify patients eligible for the My Health For Life program. Step by step recipes are available from PenCS through our Healthy GC website as well as My Health For Life referral templates for most clinical software. These resources can be viewed here: www.healthycg.com.au/Resources/Population-Health/Prevention.aspx#11445. Please contact your Practice Support Officer or email practicesupport@gcphn.com.au for further information.

RACGP Guidelines: Prescribing Drugs of Dependence

The RACGP has a three part guide for GPs when prescribing drugs of dependence in general practice. This includes:

- Part A: Clinical Government Framework
- Part B: Benzodiazepines
- Part C: Opioid Prescribing

These are available at:

www.racgp.org.au/your-practice/guidelines/drugs-landing

Practice News

Thank you from the GCPHN Practice Support Team

As of November 2017, 139 Gold Coast general practices are working with the Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) Practice Support Team as part of the tiered approach to practice support. This represents 83 per cent of practices compatible with the Cat 4 tool installed. The deidentified data being received is invaluable and is being used to inform population health planning to ensure that we are providing services to meet the specific needs of the Gold Coast community.

This year the practice support team has provided six data reports, promoting improvements in data quality to all eligible practices. Topics have included: diabetes, chronic kidney disease, risk factors for developing chronic disease, data quality benchmark, disease coding and mental health.

There have been increases in completion of clinical metrics for diabetes, coronary heart disease, COPD and chronic kidney disease at many practices. The practice support team would like to congratulate the commitment that Gold Coast practices have invested in quality improvement activities.

For information on how to become more involved with GCPHN please contact your practice support officer or email practicesupport@gcphn.com.au You can also view more information on our work at [www.healthycg.com.au/Our-Work/Practice-Support-\(General-Practice\).aspx](http://www.healthycg.com.au/Our-Work/Practice-Support-(General-Practice).aspx)

Practice Tips

Immunisation

Gold Coast Primary Health Network Area				
Notifiable diseases	October 2017	October (5 Yr Mean)	YTD 2017	Total for 2016
Vaccine Preventable				
Measles	-	<3	3	-
Pertussis*	<3	20	111	269
Rubella	-	-	-	-
Influenza (Lab confirmed)	319	108	5752	2353
Mumps	6	<3	12	7
Varicella	103	61	823	976
Bloodborne				
Hepatitis B (Newly Acquired)	-	<3	3	4
Hepatitis B (Unspecified)	5	10	81	121
Hepatitis C	13	23	183	288
Gastrointestinal				
Campylobacter	64	56	629	710
Cryptosporidiosis	5	5	107	228
Hepatitis A (All)	<3	<3	<3	9
Rotavirus	22	11	169	98
Salmonellosis (All)	31	33	408	506
Sexually transmitted				
Chlamydia (All Forms)	275	206	2745	3008
Gonorrhoea (All Forms)	44	30	563	607
Syphilis (Infectious <2yr dur)	8	5	101	47
Arboviral disease				
Ross River Virus	5	9	118	108
Barmah Forest Virus*	<3	6	20	12
Other diseases				
Q Fever	-	<3	6	10
Legionella	<3	<3	5	3
Meningococcal (Invasive)	<3	<3	7	4
Pneumococcal (Invasive)	<3	4	29	22

* Caution should be used when making historical comparisons of BFV cases due to the high number of false positive notifications related to a commercial serology kit. # Caution should be used when interpreting Pertussis notifications due to changes in notification criteria in 2013. Data Extracted Nov 3 2017 Qld Health NCOS database

Immunisation Advice
Gold Coast Public Health Unit
P: 07 5667 3200
F: 07 5667 3281
gcphucdc@health.qld.gov.au

Digital Health

GP survey: how we can help you with the My Health Record expansion

As part of the preparation for roll out of the My Health Record expansion program, Gold Coast Primary Health Network would like GPs to complete a brief survey being distributed by the Australian Digital Health Agency. This information will help to better understand the needs of General Practice in relation to My Health Record, to provide the support that best meets your needs. www.healthycg.com.au/MyHealthSurvey

My Health Record and pharmacy

Pharmacists can now upload dispense records and view hospital discharge summaries, shared health summaries and allergy information to My Health Record. The Australian Digital Health Agency CEO Tim Kelsey said the announcement represents an important milestone to promote the safer use of medicines.

Cyber security recommendations

The Australian Digital Health Agency has launched a booklet *Information Security Guide for Small Healthcare Businesses*, providing simple guidance for health professionals regarding privacy, passwords, software updates, back-ups and staff security. Visit: www.digitalhealth.gov.au/about-the-agency/digital-health-cyber-security-centre/information-security-guide-for-small-healthcare-businesses

Commonwealth Games

Practice preparation for Christmas and the games

Now is the time for practices to set up processes around the Christmas holiday period but also the Commonwealth Games. Will you be closing over these times or will you remain open? Practices who will have changed trading hours need to consider how this is communicated to their patients to provide continuity of care.

If you are staying open over the Christmas and Commonwealth Games period, you may notice an increased number of new patients coming in from other practices who have decreased their hours. Things you may want to think about:

- your opening hours over these periods
- the impact of increased patient numbers coming from closed practices and visitors to the Gold Coast
- the process for visitors to the practice so that they are inactivated after they have left the Gold Coast for data cleaning purposes
- road closures that may impact on access to your practice during the Games (both staff and patients)

For more information on the Commonwealth Games and how it may affect your practice, visit <https://getsetforthegames.com>

My Health Record webinar series

The Australian Digital Health Agency is hosting a series of webinars over the coming months to support healthcare providers in becoming familiar with and confident in using the My Health Record system. Details about these seminars are available at: www.healthycg.com.au/Resources/Digital-Health-My-Health-Record.aspx#9283

Aged/Palliative Care

Palliative care support available from Gold Coast Health

If Gold Coast GPs would like advice about palliative care services for their patients, Gold Coast Hospital specialists can assist. Dr Jo Doran, Dr Nicola Morgan, Dr Elise Maehler and Dr Andrew Broadbent recently presented at the PEPA (Program in the Experience of Palliative Approach) workshop. They are keen to build relationships with GPs and provide support and advice for end-of-life care pathways to improve patient care.

- **Urgent telephone advice:** Call 1300 763 218 with an SSPC Consultant, 8am - 4.30pm Mon-Fri (except public holidays)
- **After hours consultant advice:** 07 5668 6000 via the Robina switchboard (Please request the on-call Consultant)
- **Email:** GCHPalCareConsultant@health.qld.gov.au by SSPC Consultants for non-urgent questions

GCPhN recently hosted the PEPA event for GPs, where online training and placement programs were discussed. Interested GPs should visit: <http://pepaeducation.com>



Aspire Medical Centre seeking VR GP

The ideal candidate would have experience in chronic disease management.

- 70 per cent of billings, negotiable
- bulk-billing practice
- easily accessible and free on-site parking
- full-time nursing support
- Chempro Chemist adjacent to practice
- skin medicine would also be advantageous
- Saturday morning availability would be preferably
- flexible days and hours and fantastic support staff
- non-DWS area. Practice offers online bookings via Health Engine

Contact: Dr Waseem Ahmed 07 5597 2323 or drwahmed@hotmail.com

Centremark Medical Centre seeking VR GP position

- full-time position available
- bulk billing, busy practice
- established 10 years DWS/AON available
- fully computerised
- friendly caring staff
- excellent negotiable remuneration

Contact: Kerrie on 0481 246 113 or centremarkmc@gmail.com

Skin cancer GP for Ashmore City Medical Centre

Ashmore City Medical are looking for a full-time/part-time GP with a strong interest in skin cancer detection and treatment.

- take over a great existing patient base of skin cancer patients and help with our regular patient load
- guaranteed minimum for first six months
- be supported by a happy, professional, and experienced team

Contact: Practice Manager on 07 5539 4185 or acmed@bigpond.com.au

Hann Health Medical Centre seeking VR GP

Thorough VR GP required to provide top quality care to patients and spend time with each patient and help improve their health journey and take over a doctor's list.

- mixed billing
- purpose built facility in Broadbeach
- treatment, nurse, procedure, skin rooms
- excellent nurse and admin team, allied health on site
- accredited practice
- supportive team
- DWS available

Contact: Raj Haikerwal on 07 5531 6033 or raj.haikerwal@gmail.com

Coombabah Family Practice seeking VR GP

- VR GP part/full-time to join our excellent team
- 72.5 per cent of billings or \$150 p/h for initial period
- quality focused practice
- calm, clean practice with all the equipment you need to practice
- full-time RN support and experienced reception team
- dietitian, psychologist, diabetes educator and pathology onsite
- physio and chemist in the same busy neighbourhood hub
- GP with an interest in skin and/or chronic disease advantageous
- flexible with days and hours - family friendly practice
- family owned (retired GP)

Demographics are a mix of young families and people with chronic conditions ensuring repeat patients.

Contact: Susan 0408 947 703 or pm@coombabahfamilypractice.com.au

Surfers Health Medical Centre seeking VR GP

- full-time/part-time flexible hours
- heart of Surfers Paradise
- excellent earning potential
- state of the art facilities
- mixed billing practice
- full-time nursing support
- parking on-site
- located in medical precinct with pharmacy
- QML pathology and radiology
- practice offers online bookings via Health Engine

Contact: Michelle on 07 5592 5999 or info@surfershealth.com.au

Place a free job notification

To place your listing on the HealthyGC website. Go to www.healthycg.com.au/professionaljobs (Listing also included in *Generally Speaking*.)

Alternatively email communications@gcphn.com.au
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- busy doctor-owned practice in Arundel
- private billing on-site parking
- great location opposite Harbour Town
- stunning new building, full-time RN support and admin staff
- great work/life balance

Contact: Trudi Hughes on 07 5661 9188 or info@188medical.com

Seeking medical and allied health professionals

New 'state-of-the-art' specialist practice in Robina, invites interest from medical professionals: i.e. renal, geriatricians, allied health professionals: i.e. diabetes educator, exercise physiologist, dietitian

- professional staff
- modern premises and computerised
- fully serviced rooms and fully fitted out medical suites
- anticipated opening Jan 2018
- rent/remuneration negotiable

Contact: Jan on 0423 768 346 or info@medopsconsultants.com.au

Casual position - medical receptionist Hope Island

Our friendly practice is seeking an exceptional receptionist to join our amazing team. We have eight consulting rooms and allied health and are a bulk billing practice. We require someone with:

- experience in General Practice
- good computer skills - Best practice experience desirable
- possess a strong work ethic and reliability
- genuine desire to assist our patients, staff and practitioners
- excellent people skills and the ability to work in a team or alone

Contact: Lisa Cupitt on 07 5515 1616 or lcupitt@hopeislandgp.com.au

Helensvale practice seeking GP

- full-time position, non-corporate, friendly team
- DWS in place
- long establishment in shopping centre
- RN/pathology/pharmacy on site
- excellent earning potential from day one

Contact: Dr Gazi on 0422 343 983 or iagazi@hotmail.com

Part-time RN 7 Day Doctors Robina

RN needed for GP and acupuncture clinic operating seven days a week. We have two RNs and require a 3rd part-time. Flexible hours and friendly team.
Contact: Robina7daydoctorsacupuncture@gmail.com or 07 5580 8983

In Brief

Heart Foundation Health Professional Ambassador
GPs and practice nurses can take part in the Heart Foundation's Health Professional Ambassador Program, updating skills and knowledge to improve cardiovascular health outcomes. Ambassadors receive a free professional development program in cardiovascular health and access to Heart Foundation guidelines and resources. Visit: www.healthycg.com.au/Events/Events-News/Health-professional-opportunity-to-join-Heart-Fuo.aspx For further information call Megan Collier 07 3872 2539 or email: megan.collier@heartfoundation.org.au

New day procedure clinic at Robina

Health Care Australia has opened a new day procedures facility. The 90 bed facility, co-located alongside Robina Hospital, now provides interventional pain procedures, endoscopy and oral maxillofacial surgery. The facility includes reception, an admissions office and change rooms as well as a pre-operative holding bay, procedure room, four bed first stage recovery room, discharge lounge and sterilising unit.

Consider your need for antibiotics

A new website has been developed by the Australian Government Department of Health with information on combating antibiotic resistance and considering the need for antibiotics. Visit: www.amr.gov.au

NPS Osteoarthritis practice visits

The latest NPS Medicinewise GP visiting program called 'Osteoarthritis: Practical Tools for Diagnosis and Management' will be commencing visits in the Gold Coast area from November through to the end of February 2018. Find out more: www.healthycg.com.au/NPSvisits
An online case study is available for GPs and nurses at: www.nps.org.au/oa

Head to Health website launched

A new website that links Australians to online and phone mental health services, information and resources has been launched. Head to Health connects people to trusted online and phone mental health services appropriate for their individual needs. Visit: www.headtohealth.gov.au

Gold Coast health and wellbeing groups

Patients with mental health, substance use needs, from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds or who identify as LGBTIQAP+, can attend health and wellbeing groups to support individuals with the wellness tools for balanced, social, emotional and mental wellbeing. Referral is not needed. Visit: www.healthycg.com.au/GCHealthWellbeing

What's On

Gold Coast Primary Health Network does not endorse any events listed below that are provided by external agencies. Details are provided for information to practices and patients. Full details available at www.healthycg.com.au/events



PLEASE NOTE

Events organised/supported by Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) for practices are highlighted in the blue boxes. Details are available at:

www.healthycg.com.au/professionalevents

Dec 7 2017

My Health Record Webinar 3: What's in it and how to I view and upload?

Dec 8 2107

My Nutrition Clinic Masterclass 2

Jan 29 2017

Wound Closure and Suturing

Feb 2 2018

GP Education: Advances in Cancer Care

Feb 3 2018

Hepatitis B s100 Prescriber Course

Feb 6 2018

GCPHN Professional Event
Opioid use in primary care
(for GPs/practice nurses) (See details page 5)

Feb 12 2018

GCPHN Professional Event
NDIS Information Session
GPs, allied health, specialists
(See details page 4)

Feb 14 2018

GCPHN Professional Event
Benchmark - Aural Health

Feb 22 2018

GCPHN Professional Event
GP Trainer
For GPs involved in student placements

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Friday, February 23 2018. 9am - 2pm

GCUH Clinical Symposium

Advance Care Planning

For GPs, practice nurses, practice managers, aged care and allied health staff .

Keynote speakers

- Prof. Ken Hillman - Prof. of Intensive Care at the University of New South Wales
- Ben White - Director of the Australian Centre for Health Law
- Professor Liz Reymond - Deputy Director, Metro South Palliative Care Services

To find out more visit:

www.healthycg.com.au/Events/3040.aspx

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Women's Health In Partnership

For GPs, midwives or nurses working in community or general practice with an interest in women's health.

More details available in the new year.

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Health and Community Service Directory

Don't forget to check the Gold Coast's most comprehensive service directory which has more than 2300 listings of local health services including general practices, pharmacies, specialists and hospitals, support groups and community services.

You can also list your service for free.

Practices who have already listed their services will receive a quarterly email asking that their information be updated. Keep an eye out early December.

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Gold Coast Primary Health Network Christmas Closure

The Gold Coast Primary Health Network will be closed from Monday December 25, 2017, and re-open on Tuesday January 2, 2018.

Have a happy and safe festive season!



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