

Network Link

June 2019

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Metro North Health Forum

OUR WAY TO WELLBEING

Metro North Health Forum

Wednesday 16 October 2019 | 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Royal International Convention Centre, Bowen Hills, Brisbane

Early bird registrations now open

Hosted by Metro North Hospital and Health Service and Brisbane North PHN, the forum program will focus on the theme, *Our way to wellbeing*.

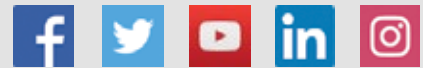
This year's forum will provide even greater opportunity for engagement, information sharing and collaboration amongst attendees. The focus of the event is networking, and will include an interactive exhibition complemented by short presentations on the main stage and two plenary sessions.

As part of the Metro North Health Forum, the annual GP breakfast briefing will also be held on Wednesday 16 October from 7.00 am – 9.00 am. Further details about the GP breakfast will be announced in the July edition of Network Link.



Above: The 2018 GP breakfast briefing.

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Registrations are now open for our sixth annual Metro North Health Forum on Wednesday 16 October 2019.



The exhibition

The 2019 Metro North Health Forum will feature an exhibition of local for-profit and not-for-profit health organisations. The exhibition prospectus is now available on the forum website.

Visit us online to download the exhibition prospectus: www.health2gether.org.au.

Registrations

Registrations are now open for the forum, with limited sponsored registrations available for not-for-profit organisations and community consumer groups. Early bird registrations cost \$169.00 per person and include all day catering, access to the exhibition and stage presentations as well as keynote speakers in the plenary sessions.

To enquire about sponsored registrations, please email info@health2gether.org.au.

To register online or for more information visit www.health2gether.org.au. For any further enquiries, please email info@health2gether.org.au.



The Metro North Health Forum is a joint initiative between Metro North Hospital and Health Service and Brisbane North PHN

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Brisbane North PHN Board Chair Dr Anita Green receiving her annual influenza vaccine

GROUPS AT INCREASED RISK OF COMPLICATIONS FROM INFLUENZA ARE:

- children from 6 months to less than 5 years of age
- pregnant women
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over
- individuals aged 6 months and over with medical conditions which increase the risk of influenza disease complications
- persons 65 years and older.

High risk Queenslanders encouraged to get annual flu jab

Those at high risk of contracting the flu are being advised to get their flu vaccinations now as the number of influenza cases across Queensland increases.

A recent Queensland Health report¹ shows there have been 1935 influenza notifications the Brisbane North and Moreton Bay region in 2019, while Queensland has seen 10,400 notifications.

With influenza notification rates in the Brisbane North and Moreton Bay region higher than this time last year, GP and Brisbane North PHN Board Chair Dr Anita Green said the need for annual vaccination is more important than ever.

"An annual vaccination is still the simplest way to prevent the flu and its complications and it is especially important for those groups of people that are more susceptible," Dr Green said.

"Flu is a serious illness that can lead to complications, particularly in the very young, elderly and people with complex chronic diseases.

"For these people and for all of us, getting a flu shot at the GP now might just save a trip to the hospital later," Dr Green said.

Vaccination for these groups is funded under the state and national immunisation programs.

All Queenslanders are advised to be immunised against the flu, to protect themselves and decrease the risk of transmission of this serious illness to family and friends.

To access the 2019 influenza vaccination guidelines visit <http://bit.ly/2019-influenza-vaccination-guide>.

¹ <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/surveillance/reports/flu>



From Brisbane North PHN: GPLO Dr John Bennett, PCLO Jo-Lyn Harding, Primary Care Liaison Manager Amanda Queen, Health Data Project Coordinator Peter Boffey



Redcliffe Hospital Medical Director Dr Catherine Yelland and Dementia Training Australia's Dr Allan Shell

Training and support to enhance dementia care

General practices on the Redcliffe Peninsula can now access free training and support to improve the quality of care they provide to patients with dementia.

The Dementia Quality Enhancement in Primary Care Project supports 25 practices on the Redcliffe Peninsula. Practices can choose to participate in any or all of the following activities:

- extend the knowledge and range of skills for practice staff through education and training
- engage a General Practice Liaison Officer (GPLO) to provide peer-to-peer support
- enhance continuous evidence-based quality improvement
- improve networking and collaboration through the participation in the Redcliffe Alliance for Older People.

This project is part of the four-year Integrated Model of Dementia Care Program and one of the six projects Brisbane North PHN is implementing to enhance coordinated care for people with dementia, their families and carers.

While dementia care is largely provided in primary care, often spanning many years from the point of early detection, through to diagnosis and on-going management, the condition's complexity means this can be challenging.

The emotional response of families and individuals, diverse needs of the range of services and the difficulty of navigating through complicated health, care and support systems, all add to this complexity.

Recognising these barriers, this project takes a collaborative, person-centred approach to supporting general practices and focuses on key perspectives that could improve quality of dementia care in the primary care setting.

It is delivered in partnership with Dementia Training Australia (DTA), Metro North Hospital and Health Service, and residential aged care facilities.

The first of three training workshops for GPs and practice nurses was on 23 March 2019. Co-presented by DTA's Dr Allan Shell and Redcliffe Hospital Medical Director Dr Catherine Yelland, it received positive feedback from all participants.

For more information on the next workshop, being held on Saturday 8 June visit <http://bit.ly/PHN-dementia-workshop> or see the related story below for a podcast interview with one of the co-presenters Dr Marita Long.

Practices involved in the project receive support from a GPLO and Primary Care Liaison Officer to develop and implement customised continuous quality improvement plans.

Where practices have a current PenCAT license under the health data program, they are able to receive tailored reports to support the care of patients with dementia.

Additional support includes access to a localised (online) dementia pathway and the revised and reprinted Moreton Bay Dementia Directory.

Participating practice staff also have the opportunity to attend meetings of the Redcliffe Alliance for Older People. Held at a local residential aged care facility, these meetings can help to extend a practice's network and increase its collaboration with other service providers.

Collaboration between service providers can help to improve continuity of care for people living with dementia and their carers.

To participate in the project, email Primary Care Liaison Officer Jo-Lyn Harding at jo-lyn.harding@brisbanenorthphn.org.au. For more information about the project, please contact GPLO Dr John Bennett at john.bennett@brisbanenorthphn.org.au.



► Dementia diagnosis on The GP Show podcast

Recognising, diagnosing and managing dementia in general practice is the topic of an upcoming workshop on Saturday 8 June 2019 at Brisbane North PHN's North Lakes office.

Workshop co-presenter Dr Marita Long is a GP and GP clinical educator for Dementia Training Australia.

Dr Long recently joined fellow GP Dr Sam Manger to discuss dementia diagnosis on Dr Manger's regular podcast The GP Show. This podcast is free on iTunes and all podcast apps.

To listen to the podcast visit <https://bit.ly/2W5yg2g>.



Project Yarn Circle builds connection to culture in Indigenous youth

The National Suicide Prevention Trial continues to roll out with Indigenous owned mental health organisation, Youth to Knowledge (Y2K) taking its Project Yarn Circle program to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the Brisbane North and Moreton Bay region.

Y2K's Project Yarn Circle seeks to promote mental health resilience and cultural connection for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Through extensive consultation and collaboration with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders, Y2K developed a program that aims to reconnect students to culture, as well as educating them about mental wellbeing and resilience.

As part of the program, community service organisation Kurbingui Youth Development and youth mental health foundation headspace have provided students with information about services available in their local areas.

Y2K founder Charles Rolls said Project Yarn Circle was receiving a positive response from participating schools, with many requesting that the program return.

"It's an extremely positive response with students reporting to teachers they feel greater pride in being Aboriginal and in their identity," Mr Rolls said.

A study developed in conjunction with the Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention will help to evaluate Project Yarn Circle, examining the connection between cultural connection and reduction of suicidality.

Brisbane North PHN is one of 12 sites involved in the National Suicide Prevention Trial, funded by the Department of Health until June 2020, which takes a coordinated approach to implementing evidence-based suicide prevention interventions at the community level.

For more information contact Brisbane North PHN on 07 3630 7300 or email info@brisbanenorthphn.org.au.

For crisis support call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or the Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467.



Transition funding to bridge the gap for psychosocial support

The National Psychosocial Support Transition initiative, announced by the Department of Health in March 2019, ensures continuity of support for participants currently accessing a psychosocial service that is due to end on 30 June 2019.

Psychosocial support services include a range of initiatives, which aim to help people with a severe mental illness increase their ability to do everyday activities.

Following 30 June 2019, participants in the Commonwealth funded programs Partners in Recovery (PiR), Support for Day to Day Living in the Community (D2DL), and Personal Helpers and Mentors Scheme (PHaMS) will be able to access the National Psychosocial Support (NPS) transition as a temporary measure until they are transitioned to either the National Disability Insurance Scheme or to Continuity of Support (CoS).

As part of the NPS, Brisbane North PHN will fund service providers in the Brisbane North and Moreton Bay region to deliver psychosocial support services, helping participants

achieve similar outcomes to those experienced while participating in Partners in Recovery.

The Department of Health and Social Services are working with PHNs and existing community mental health service providers to facilitate smooth transitions from the decommissioned programs.

Participants currently receiving support from PiR, D2DL or PHaMS that have not put in an application to the NDIS, or are waiting to receive an access decision for the NDIS, will receive support for up to 12 months through the NPS.

For more information download the Department of Health fact sheet for clients and carers:

<http://bit.ly/NPS-transition-factsheet>.

A visit from future healthcare leaders

In early May, Brisbane North PHN hosted an education event for a class of health administration students from Papua New Guinea.

The students, identified as future leaders of the Papua New Guinea health system, are currently studying a Graduate Certificate in Health Economics through Griffith University.



Members of the Brisbane North PHN team presented on topics ranging from primary healthcare commissioning, to the mental health and aged care systems operating in Australia.

The event was informative for both, with students gaining an appreciation of the primary care system and the PHN team gaining an insight into the Papua New Guinean health system.



Pledge your commitment to improving healthcare for older people

Over the past year, Brisbane North PHN and Metro North Hospital and Health Services (MNHHS) have been working together to implement a number of initiatives from *A five year health care plan for older people who live in Brisbane North (2017-22)*.

The plan describes directions and actions needed to better support older people who access health services in Brisbane North.

Over the next few years a coordinated, networked service system will evolve to help as many older people as possible to remain in their home environment, connected with their communities and supported by general practice and other community services.

To achieve these ambitious goals requires a commitment from healthcare providers across the Brisbane North and Moreton Bay region, which is why Brisbane North PHN and MNHHS are calling on all primary, community and residential aged care providers to become signatories to the plan.

Once providers have become a signatory to the plan, they will be asked to provide the PHN with an activity they can implement under the plan. This can be a current service, or something that the organisation is looking to implement over the next few years.

Signatories will also commit to working with the PHN on six leverage points for change over the entire aged care system (care coordination, workforce, interface between health and ageing, clinical governance, vulnerable groups, wellness and reablement).

As well as the opportunity to work in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders to improve the health of older people living in the region, signatories to the plan can expect the following benefits:

- to be promoted as a signatory on the PHN website and at other key events
- the activities being implemented under the plan will be showcased at various PHN events
- access to PHN activity, training and events.

The draft of the project implementation plan will be released shortly for broader stakeholder feedback.

To receive a copy of the project implementation plan or to discuss how to become a signatory contact Emma White, Sector Collaboration Lead, Brisbane North PHN on emma.white@brisbanenorthphn.org.au or 07 3630 7381.

To download a PDF copy of *A five year health care plan for older people who live in Brisbane North (2017-22)* visit <http://bit.ly/healthcareplan-olderpeople>.



News from Metro North Public Health Unit

The Metro North Public Health Unit focuses on protecting the community from communicable diseases and other illnesses, as well as promoting health and wellbeing. For further information on any of the updates below contact 07 3624 1111.

Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Metro North Public Health Unit has seen a moderate increase in pertussis notifications during the first quarter of 2019 compared with the same time period in 2018.

Whooping cough is a highly contagious respiratory infection caused by the bacterium *Bordetella pertussis*. It can be life threatening in babies and young children, with most hospitalisations and deaths occur in babies under six months of age.

Early diagnosis facilitates timely treatment. Early symptoms can include coryza, sneezing, absent or low-grade fever, and a mild occasional cough. After one to two weeks, the cough gradually becomes paroxysmal and may end in vomiting, cyanosis and/or a characteristic inspiratory 'whoop'.

Testing for pertussis is encouraged to confirm the diagnosis when suspected. The test of choice is PCR on nasopharyngeal aspirates or swabs in the first four weeks from cough onset.

Antibiotic treatment reduces the period of communicability and should be initiated as soon as possible. Exclusion from work, school, preschool, child care, as well restricted attendance from other settings where there are infants, should be recommended for cases until they are no longer infectious (until completion of five days of appropriate antibiotics or 21 days after the onset of cough).

Pertussis vaccination

Pertussis immunisation is recommended for all children, healthcare workers and people working or living with infants, including parents, grandparents, those planning pregnancy and childcare workers.

Immunity following vaccination begins to wane after as little as four to five years. All healthcare workers are recommended to receive the pertussis vaccine every 10 years.

Pregnant women should receive the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine in each pregnancy.

Please note: the recommendation for pertussis vaccination during pregnancy has been recently updated.

The optimal timing for vaccination is 20 to 32 weeks gestation (mid second trimester to early third trimester).

Vaccination during pregnancy reduces the risk of pertussis in young infants by 90 per cent. This results from direct passive protection by transplacental transfer of pertussis antibodies from the mother to the foetus during pregnancy.

If pregnant women are not vaccinated between 20 and 32 weeks, they should receive pertussis-containing vaccine as soon as possible and at any time up to delivery.

For more information on pertussis vaccination for pregnant women visit <http://bit.ly/DoH-pertussis-vaccination>.

Measles Immunisation Update

The Department of Health have recently advised there is a sufficient supply of measles vaccine to meet ongoing demand and supplies under the National Immunisation Program are secure and will continue to be delivered as forecast.

Measles vaccination for infants travelling

The recommended age at which infants can receive their measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine in special circumstances has been lowered from nine months to six months. Infants as young as six months of age can receive MMR vaccine for travel to measles endemic areas, during outbreaks and as post-exposure prophylaxis if they are

identified as a contact of a confirmed measles case. Please note that these infants will still require the scheduled MMR vaccinations at 12 months of age and at 18 months of age.

For more information refer to the 'What's Changed' tab of the Australian Immunisation Handbook online at <http://bit.ly/immunisation-handbook-measles>.

News in brief

▶ Meningococcal vaccine for adolescents

The meningococcal ACWY vaccine provides protection against four types of meningococcal disease, including two types which have become more common in Australia in recent years, caused by the type W and Y bacteria.

From 1 April 2019, the meningococcal ACWY vaccine is available for free through the National Immunisation Program to:

- year 10 students (aged 14 to 16 years) through school-based immunisation programs
- adolescents aged 15 to 19 years of age who missed receiving the vaccine at school through their GP or primary care provider.

To view the supporting materials visit www.health.gov.au/immunisation.

▶ New resources helping GPs promote the influenza vaccination

The 2019 National Immunisation Program (NIP) seasonal influenza vaccines are now available from vaccination providers around the country.

The Commonwealth has developed a suite of educational and promotional communication resources for vaccination providers to support awareness and uptake of influenza vaccination.

Resources, including a fact sheet for vaccination providers, safety stickers for vaccines and posters for display, are available to download via health.gov.au/immunisation.

▶ The Prince Charles Hospital now using discharge summary system

Earlier this year The Prince Charles Hospital migrated to the Enterprise Discharge Summary (EDS) application and has recently commenced uploading discharge summaries.

The EDS system assists Queensland Health clinicians to generate, manage and distribute discharge summaries easily and securely. The integration of EDS and My Health Record means that when a discharge summary is generated the system will automatically check if a patient has a My Health Record. If the patient does, their discharge summary will be sent to the My Health Record system, allowing all authorised clinicians to access the patient's information, wherever they present.

▶ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander immunisation resources

The childhood immunisation education campaign 'Get the facts about immunisation' was launched in January to encourage Australian parents and carers to get their kids vaccinated.

A focus of the campaign is to promote vaccination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, by sharing the benefits of childhood vaccination and encouraging timely completion of the childhood immunisation schedule.

View campaign videos, including personal stories, motion graphics and videos from health care professionals on the campaign website <http://bit.ly/campaign-resources>.

Scholarship winner advocates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander renal patients

A newly published research brief, developed as part of the 2019 Jeff Cheverton Memorial Scholarship, advocates for a collaborative approach to the complex care needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander renal patients.

Authored by scholarship awardee and PhD candidate Stefanie Puczka, the brief investigates access to housing and accommodation amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander renal patients who relocate for treatment.

The Jeff Cheverton Memorial Scholarship was established in 2017 by the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association, together with Brisbane North PHN and North Western

Melbourne PHN, to honour the memory of Jeff Cheverton.

The six-week scholarship supports further developments in primary health, mental health, aged care, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and LGBTIQ health, all areas close to Jeff's heart.

To download the full brief visit <http://bit.ly/healthpolicy-issuebriefs>.

Noticeboard

Please contact the relevant organisation for more information about the items below.

GPs pivotal role in cancer screening

GPs play a key role in promoting and encouraging their patients to participate in national cancer screening programs. GPs deliver clinically appropriate advice, services, treatment and care to ensure participants progress through the screening pathway, with evidence demonstrating that GP endorsement consistently improves participation in cancer screening.

True Relationships and Reproductive Health is conducting a survey to determine the current awareness, knowledge, and professional development needs and interests of GPs around the National Cervical Screening Program, BreastScreen Queensland and the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program.

Survey responses will aid in the development of education, resources, methods and systems to best support GPs in their ongoing role in promoting, encouraging and managing cancer screening in Australia.

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J9D9VS6> for more information.

National Redress Scheme

The National Redress Scheme provides redress through acknowledgement and support to people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse.

An important element of the scheme is access to high quality, trauma-informed counselling and psychological care.

In Queensland, a user-choice model enables people to choose their own practitioner and practitioners must be registered on the Trauma Support Directory to provide services.

Eligible practitioners are encouraged to register on the directory so that redress recipients have a range of practitioners to choose from across the state.

For more information email redresscounselling@csyw.qld.gov.au or visit <http://bit.ly/QH-national-redress-scheme>.

Pathways to care after a suicide

Please join Standby and Uniting Care for a free community workshop aimed at facilitating conversations around suicide and bereavement. The workshop will include information about suicide psychoeducation, as well as featuring guest speakers, tips around self-care and a healing yarning circle.

The event is taking place on Thursday 20 June from 9.45 am – 3.30 pm at Kallangur Memorial Bowls Club. For more information email standby.bne@ucommunity.org.au or call 0438 150 180.

Professional development for health professionals managing eating disorders

A new digital, five module professional development video series, launched by the National Eating Disorders Collaboration aims to support the health professionals in the screening and assessment of eating disorders.

The series of videos includes information on:

- the screening and assessment of eating disorders
- medical management
- nutritional management
- recovery-focused psychological treatment.

View the series at <http://bit.ly/NEDC-e-learning>.

Opportunities for nurses new to primary care

The Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association is now offering a 12 month education, support and mentoring program for nurses new to primary healthcare.

Nurses transitioning into primary healthcare will be matched with an experienced nurse mentor.

To be eligible for the education program nurses must be new to primary healthcare, both recently graduated and experienced nurses. To become a clinical and professional mentors nurses need to have at least four years of experience in primary healthcare.

Applications are open now until Friday 28 June, find out more by visiting www.apna.asn.au/transitiontopractice.

Navigating genomic testing in primary care

At least one in ten patients visiting their GP is estimated to have a condition with a genetic component, and approximately 60 per cent of people will be affected by a condition with a genetic component during their lifetime.

The Garvan Institute of Medical Research have collaborated with ThinkGP to develop an interactive e-learning module to educate GPs and others working in the primary care space about how genomic testing can improve patient outcomes, the appropriate referral pathways, and issues surrounding family, privacy and insurance.

To access the module visit <http://bit.ly/genomic-e-learning>.

What's on elsewhere

Please contact the relevant organisation for more information about these events. Note, these are not Brisbane North PHN events.

For more events, visit brisbanenorthphn.org.au/page/news-and-events/events.

June 2019

- 05 June Health consumers Queensland annual forum – Health Consumers Queensland**
Cairns, Qld
e info@hcq.org.au
- 05 June Nurses and HSSPA awards – Australian Health Industry Group**
Online
e training@ahig.com.au
- 07 June Untangling depression: practical strategies for cases that challenge us – Black Dog Institute**
Brisbane, Qld
e education@blackdog.org.au
- 11 June Improving end-of-life care for frail older people – Queensland Government**
South Brisbane, Qld
e natalie.blauensteiner@health.qld.gov.au
- 11 June Business planning for clinics – Australian Health Industry Group**
Online
e training@ahig.com.au
- 12 June Health and wellness community information/ education session – Home Instead Senior Care**
Chermside, Qld
e clientservices@hiscbrisnorth.com.au
- 13 June Grey Matters Live – Grey Matters and Seasons Aged Care**
Brisbane, Qld
e vsmith@seasonsagedcare.com.au

- 15 June Dealing with anxiety disorders – Black Dog Institute**
Brisbane, Qld
e education@blackdog.org.au
- 15 June Annual junior doctor conference and career expo – AMA Queensland**
Brisbane, Qld
e registrations@amaq.com.au
- 17 June Caring for our community – Cancer Council Qld**
Fortitude Valley, Qld
e margaretnugent@cancerqld.org.au
- 18 June Migrant and refugee reproductive and sexual health: culturally responsive clinical practice – True Relationships and Reproductive Health**
Windsor, Qld
e culturallyresponsive@true.org.au
- 26 June How to facilitate bereavement support groups – Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement**
Brisbane, Qld
e education@grief.org.au
- 28 June Hepatitis C nursing: advanced management and care – ASHM**
Spring Hill, Qld
e samantha.bolton@ashm.org.au

In the community

- 1 – 30 National Burns Awareness Month**
- 1 – 30 Bowel Cancer Awareness Month**
- 1 – 30 Cancer Research Awareness Month**
- 3 – 9 World Haemochromatosis Week**
- 10 – 16 Infant Mental Health Awareness Week Australia**
- 19 Red Apple Day**
- 27 Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day**

GP bulletin – June 2019

News from General Practice Liaison Officers at Brisbane North PHN and Metro North Hospital and Health Service.

Any feedback or suggestions please send to mngplo@health.qld.gov.au. Please share with your GP colleagues.

HealthPathways update

Newly released HealthPathways:

- diabetes—screening and diagnosis
- older adults weight and nutrition
- suicide risk
- involuntary assessment.

To submit feedback about HealthPathways, please contact administration.integration@brisbanenorthphn.org.au.

Login at: brisbanenorth.communityhealthpathways.org or phone 07 3630 7300 for login details.

GP education

- **8 June**—Recognising, diagnosing and managing dementia in general practice – North Lakes Resort Golf Club
- **18 June**—Common challenges in primary care: Respiratory – The Prince Charles Hospital
- **20 July**—Cancer preceptorship for GPs – Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
- **27 July**—Rheumatology in primary care – Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
- **3 August**—Maternity workshop – Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital

Visit bit.ly/phnevents for upcoming education events.

Missed a GP education event?

Slides from our recent GP education events are now available online at <http://bit.ly/mngpedu>.

Residential aged care imaging services now available

Aged Care Imaging is now offering mobile x-ray services to residents of aged care facilities in the Brisbane North and Moreton Bay region. Metro North Hospital and Health Service (MNHHS) is providing 15 subsidised bookings of this service each week, for further details contact the MNHHS RADAR Central Coordinator on 1300 072 327 or for more information on ordering a mobile x-ray contact Aged Care Imaging on 1300 025 601.

Infectious diseases service

Infectious diseases services are provided at Caboolture Hospital, Redcliffe Hospital, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and The Prince Charles Hospital in the Metro North Hospital and Health Service.

For more information on how to refer to this service visit <http://bit.ly/infectiousdiseaseservice>.

Queensland Children's Hospital referral update

The Queensland Children's Hospital specialist referral forms have undergone a major update, as part of the implementation of paediatric statewide referral criteria. Updates are now available for the Best Practice, Medical Director and PDF versions of the template.

Templates can be downloaded to your medical practice software and sent via Medical Objects, Health Link or other secure email networks; printed; faxed or mailed. Register to access downloadable templates: <http://bit.ly/CHQ-referralforms>.

GPs invited to register for a mental health pilot for veterans

GPs who currently participate in the Coordinated Veterans' Care Program are encouraged to register for an innovative mental health pilot.

The pilot will test whether the use of a digital coaching app can assist veterans to manage mild to moderate mental health concerns, in conjunction with traditional treatment through a GP.

For more information or to register for the pilot call 1800 424 514 or email dvamhp@tunstallhealthcare.com.au. Registration closes on 30 June 2019.

Research on chlamydia management in general practice

Researchers at the University of Melbourne are seeking GPs, practice nurses and practice managers to participate in a telephone interview about chlamydia management in general practice.

For more information or to participate email mocca-info@unimelb.edu.au.

Research on GPs views about long-term antidepressant use

Australia has one of the highest antidepressant prescribing rates in the world and University of Queensland researchers are interested in the experiences and opinions of GPs regarding discontinuing patients' long term antidepressant use.

For more information email longtermad@uq.edu.au.