

# Information Sheet

## INFORMATION FOR NEW GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

GPs are integral to a patient-focused, efficient health system as they are the central point of contact for all health care. If you are new to General Practice COORDINARE can provide you with support to ensure you have access to and know where to find the resources required for your practice.

### Some links you may find useful

- **MBS Quick Guide to MBS item numbers – Australian Doctor 2014**  
[http://www.australiandoctor.com.au/getmedia/6db5eb70-6786-48ca-9182-ab2af0f01330/MBS\\_CARD\\_2014\\_online.aspx](http://www.australiandoctor.com.au/getmedia/6db5eb70-6786-48ca-9182-ab2af0f01330/MBS_CARD_2014_online.aspx)
- **For a guide to common item numbers refer to:**  
[Desktop Guide to MBS Items for General Practice - November 2014](#)  
[Desktop Guide to MBS Item Numbers for Allied Health Services - November 2013](#)
- **The Health Professionals' page**  
<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/>
- **Medicare Benefits Schedule fee summary for GPs : RACGP September 2014**  
<http://www.racgp.org.au/download/Documents/PracticeSupport/2014mbsfeesummary.pdf>
- **AHPRA**  
<https://www.ahpra.gov.au/>
- **RACGP:** <http://www.racgp.org.au/education/courses/gplearning/>
- **ACRRM:** <https://www.acrrm.org.au/rrmeo-rural-remote-medical-education-online>
- **Health Pathways**  
<http://illawarrashoalhavenproject.healthpathways.org.au/>

### GP Clusters

COORDINARE is committed to providing more opportunities for local GPs to have a greater say over issues that directly affect their ability to deliver safe, high quality and coordinated clinical services throughout the region. 'GP Clusters' have been established around the region and will meet regularly to identify issues, determine solutions and co-design activities that will inform the annual plans of COORDINARE.

The 'Clusters' will also provide GPs with opportunities to network with peers, access continuing professional development and have input into designing pathways that are efficient and easy to use.

These meetings will be resourced by a GP Cluster Leader, who will be a local GP paid to plan and facilitate the activities for their particular cluster. The GP Cluster Leader will also be a member of the Clinical Council which will advise the Board of COORDINARE.

For more information about GP Clusters in your region please contact [info@coordinare.org.au](mailto:info@coordinare.org.au), phone 1300 069 002 or go to the COORDINARE website [www.coordinare.org.au](http://www.coordinare.org.au) - 'Tools for general practice'.

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## Health Pathways

*HealthPathways* is an online health information portal to be used by clinicians at the point of care. It provides information on how to assess and manage medical conditions, and how to request timely specialist care and input from other services.

*HealthPathways* will aid GPs to better help patients by outlining:

- The best management and treatment options for common medical conditions
- Information on how to refer to the most appropriate local services and Specialists
- Educational resources and information for patients to enable better self-management of health.

*HealthPathways* is a collaboration between the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District and COORDINARE. This collaboration is supported by project management staff and aims to engage a wide and diverse range of medical practitioners and other health staff throughout its ongoing development. Further information can be found on the [HealthPathways](#) website – Username: *connected*, Password: *2pathways*.

## Useful contacts and phone numbers

- Public Health Unit: 1300 066 055.
- Medicare Providers Information: 132150
- After Hours Other Medical Practitioners (AHOMPs) Programme, Department of Health  
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/work-pr-ahomps>
- MIGA- members only: [www.miga.com.au](http://www.miga.com.au)
- Think GP: <http://thinkgp.com.au/education>
- HETI: <http://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/>
- AVANT Medical defence organisation: <http://www.avant.org.au/home/>

## The COORDINARE website

The COORDINARE website has links to information and resources on topics related to immunization. Go to [www.coordinare.org.au](http://www.coordinare.org.au) - 'Tools for general practice'.

For more information contact COORDINARE  
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