

# Information Sheet

## Information for nurses new to general practice

General practice nurses have a vital role to play in providing comprehensive, team-based care. Areas where practice nurses are involved include immunization, lifestyle education, chronic disease management, women's health, maternal and child health and wound management.

COORDINARE can assist primary care nurses by:

- directing you to where to find information and resources on a range of topics relevant to nursing in general practice
- directing you where to find webinars and workshops to support your nurse orientation and ongoing professional development
- linking you with local Australian Primary Health Care Nursing Association (APNA) networking groups
- delivering education workshops
- subscribing you to our free e-newsletter

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- For nurse orientation resources, webinars and workshops go to the APNA website at: <http://www.apna.asn.au/>
- The APNA runs local networking groups in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven. Contact Kathy Godwin - [kathryngodwin@me.com](mailto:kathryngodwin@me.com)
- COORDINARE runs quarterly workshops for primary care nurses which complement the APNA groups. Information on these and other COORDINARE education events will be emailed to you if you are on our database and will be advertised on our website [www.coordinare.org.au](http://www.coordinare.org.au)
- COORDINARE offers information on a range of topics relevant to nursing in general practice at: [www.coordinare.org.au/tools for general practice](http://www.coordinare.org.au/tools_for_general_practice). Also see the list of [useful links](#) on page 2.

### PNIP and MBS chronic disease items

- The Practice Nurse Incentive Program (PNIP) provides payments to practices to support the enhanced role of nurses working in general practice. Your practice may be eligible for an incentive payment to offset the costs of employing a nurse. For information go to <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/services/practice-nurse-incentive-programme/>
- Information and useful links for information about Medicare Chronic Disease items, including GP Management Plans and Team Care Arrangements can be found on the Department of Health website: <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mbsprimarycare-chronicdiseasemanagement>

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- Information on health assessments can be found at [http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mha\\_resource\\_kit](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mha_resource_kit)
- Information on Aboriginal health assessments and services provided by nurses can be found at [http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mbsprimarycare\\_ATSI\\_mbsha\\_resource\\_kit](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mbsprimarycare_ATSI_mbsha_resource_kit)
- Information on the Medicare MBS is available at <http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/Content/Home> The Medicare phone number for health professionals is 132150, choose option 3 or go to <http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/index.jsp> and <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-medicarebenefits-healthpro>
- The COORDINARE website has links to relevant sites under *Tools for general practice/financial incentives* page.

## Human Resources/Industrial Relations and awards

Useful links on HR/IR topics such as awards and RACGP Standards can be found on the COORDINARE website on the *Tools for general practice/workforce development* page. The Nurses award can also be viewed at: [https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/documents/modern\\_awards/award/MA000034/default.htm](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/documents/modern_awards/award/MA000034/default.htm)

## Education

As a Nurse you need to be aware of your annual CPD requirements. They provide a framework against which nurses can test their commitment to ongoing training and are essential to registration.

- COORDINARE provides CPD for primary care nurses, including national and local health priorities. Our education program can be found at [www.coordinare.org.au/](http://www.coordinare.org.au/)
- Webinars are a convenient way to run education for groups and can be conveniently run during lunchtime or team meetings.
- For information on other organisations' education and training, which may include online modules and workshops, please refer to the list of useful links below. Also, a table which provides a list of education providers covering a wider range of primary care and general practice topics can be downloaded from the COORDINARE website [www.coordinare/tools\\_for\\_general\\_practice/education](http://www.coordinare/tools_for_general_practice/education)

## Useful Links for education and resources

- APNA website: <http://www.apna.asn.au/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=APNA/ccms.r>
- APNA on line learning : <http://www.apna.asn.au/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=APNA/ccms.r?PagelD=11144>
- ANF Competency standards: [http://anmf.org.au/documents/reports/compstandards\\_nursesingp.pdf](http://anmf.org.au/documents/reports/compstandards_nursesingp.pdf)
- APNA course: *Foundations of general practice nursing* workshop
- <http://www.apna.asn.au/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=APNA/ccms.r?PagelD=12613>
- Australian College of Nursing (ACN): <http://www.acn.edu.au/>  
AHPRA: <https://www.ahpra.gov.au/>