

Nursing in General Practice



Vision

Every general practice in Australia be supported and encouraged to employ or have access to a Practice Nurse (PN).

Aims and Objectives

The aims of the Network NiGP Program are to support the effective employment of PNs to:

- Relieve workforce pressure in general practice;
- Improve the prevention and management of chronic disease; and
- Improve access to, and the quality and integration of patient care.

Fremantle GP Network implements the NiGP Program via the Practice Liaison Program (PLP) team. This team regularly visits general practices promoting the effective utilisation of PNs by way of presenting a business case to practice managers, general practitioner's and PNs currently working at the practice.

During the reporting period 1 July - 31 December 2009 claims for PN services within the region increased by almost 60%, demonstrating more effective use of PNs throughout the Fremantle GP Network area.

	PIP practices claiming PN services (MBS items 10993-10999)	Total number of PIP practices within FGPN	PN services claimed by PIP practices within FGPN
Number	44	48	38061
Percent	91.67%	100%	

In addition, a further 5421 PN claims were made by non-PIP practices.

Fremantle GP Network Support

Practice nurses in the Fremantle area have access to telephone, email or face-to-face visits for any Practice Nurse issues.

Some of the areas practices regularly ask for nursing support include:

- Employing a Practice Nurse
- Accreditation and re-accreditation
- Immunisation
- Enhanced Primary Care Initiative (EPC)
- Practice Incentive Program (PIP)
- Chronic Disease Management

FGPN also provide assistance by way of regular education events.

Useful Links

Nurses Board of WA (Public Register of current registrations) www.nbwa.org.au

Western Australian Practice Nurses Association (WAPNA) www.wapna.org.au

Demonstration Divisions www.adgp.com.au/site/index.cfm?display=357

Australian Practice Nurses Association www.apna.asn.au

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