

Expression of Interest

GP Advisor: Nepean Older Persons Care Consortium

In partnership with the Nepean GP Network, the NBMPHN are seeking valuable input from GPs to participate in the Older Person's Care Consortium.

Background

GP involvement in the care of the elderly in our community and in residential aged care is both a challenge and an opportunity to provide appropriate care of the highest quality, regardless of where people are living. As the number of the elderly increases, so too does the complexity of their management and the need to identify and address the causes of service fragmentation that affect the older person's health journey.

All areas within the Nepean Blue Mountains region are projected to have a higher population of older persons (over 70 years) than the NSW average over the next few years, with the Penrith LGA having almost double the NSW average population projections.

As this will obviously impact General Practice in your region, now is the time to consider how we might work together to identify, prioritise and address the needs of the elderly in our community, including avoidable hospital presentations and admissions.

An '**Older Persons Care Consortium**' has been formed to support this process, together with the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District and other active partners who currently support the elderly across the region.

GP Involvement

Participating GPs will have a special interest in aged care and will be actively working to support the elderly within the General Practice setting and/or residential aged care facilities in the Nepean area. They will also have an understanding that they are broadly representing GPs from the Nepean area.

Attendance at monthly consortium meetings (one hour), either in person or by teleconference, over the next 12 months and advice to the PHN Program Officer will be required. Participating GPs will be remunerated for their time.

Interested GPs are asked to complete the following **Expression of Interest by 7 August 2015**.

For further information please contact:

Michelle Camilleri, Program Officer Older Persons Care Consortium

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On July 1, Nepean-Blue Mountains Medicare Local transitioned to the Nepean Blue Mountains PHN

Wentworth Healthcare Limited (ABN 88 155 904 975) as Nepean Blue Mountains PHN. PHNs gratefully acknowledge the financial and other support from the Australian Government Department of Health.

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Application: Expression of Interest

Nepean Older Persons Care Consortium

Please indicate your interest in becoming a GP representative participating in the Older Persons Care Consortium in an advisory capacity by completing the details below by **7 August 2015**.

Send to: Michelle Camilleri

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Name:

Practice:

Phone Number:

Email address:

Selection Criteria

Please respond by ticking the boxes that apply to you and providing a comment where indicated.

- ☐ Actively working as an unconditional registered General Practitioner within the Nepean region
- ☐ A special interest in aged care, actively working to support older people within the General Practice setting and/or residential aged care facilities.

Comments:

- ☐ A willingness to represent a broad range of GP views and perspectives in the Nepean area

Michelle Camilleri will contact you on receipt of your application to discuss further details.