
1. Statewide Distribution of RACGP Kits

This is a list of organisations that GPDV has sent an RACGP EPC kit as requested from a number of divisions. Please contact Graham on g.clark@gpdv.com.au should you require additional kits.



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2. Advanced notice for EPC network meeting Wednesday 22nd November – Using Care Planning and Case Management for young people.

The morning session will be a combined workshop of the EPC and Youth networks.

The afternoon is planned as the EPC network meeting. The intention for the afternoon session is to provide divisions with a general update and to have a round table catch up. Divisions have an opportunity to showcase work and projects undertaken. Please contact Rosemary if you would like to present your work to your peers or if there is information you want to be covered in the afternoon session.

3. Quarterly Report from divisions

GPDV received the first activity report from Divisions regarding the Enhanced Primary Care New MBS Items GP Education, Support and Community Linkages Funding. The July to September report has been prepared and will be posted to CEOs today and will be e-mailed to you next week.

GPDV asked divisions whether there was anything GPDV can assist regarding the effective use of the MBS Items now or in the future? The following lists a summary of division's responses. GPDV will use this information to inform the plan for the program for the next 6 months.

Networking opportunities

- Facilitating information sharing between Divisions on new and effective initiatives.
- Disseminate information about what Divisions and GPs have found works 'well' and works 'not so well' in the implementation of the new items and the EPCP.
- Continue to organise training sessions for EPCP GPs and project workers.

Resource development, education and training

- Provide a resource library of existing tools, Shared PowerPoint or overheads information on video format rather than printed material.
- Continue to provide a 'help desk' for queries regarding the new items.
- Organise the education sessions for hospitals.

- Develop session plans for interactive education sessions for GPs and service providers.

Policy direction

- Keep divisions informed of new interpretations or changes as implementation occurs.
- We desperately need more GPs in rural areas to enable them to have sufficient time to have education and then be involved in the MBS items. Locum support would free GPs up for training.

4. Development of Community Linkages

Victorian divisions of general practice have undertaken extensive networking in promoting the new MBS Items numbers to agencies in their local areas.

Attachment 1 gives a snap shot of the activities undertaken and wide range of service providers divisions are contacting to support the GP Education Program.

5. Networking in October

Australian Social Workers Association- Community Health Centres Special Interest Group

A discussion was held at the Monash Link Community Health Centre with a group of 10 Social Workers representing Community Health Centres. The discussion was on the EPC MBS Items and the work of Victorian Divisions. There was enthusiasm generated amongst the group around the potential for the use of the items in the way they work with GPs. Individuals were encouraged to work with their local division.

Australian Physiotherapists Association

Julie Thompson, Bill Newton and Rosemary Fenech met with representatives of the Physiotherapist Association about working with GP divisions around the use of the new items. The Association informed GPDV that they also have local divisions. There was an opportunity for closer working relationships to be developed in the future.

Meeting with Bob Birchell DHS Consultant

Melbourne University Department of Community and General medicine has undertaken a project to explore the relationship between GPs and Community Health Centres. GPDV met with Bob Birchell to consult around the potential use of the EPC new MBS item numbers to assist in this engagement.

6. STATISTICS

November and December 1999 National EPC Statistics

A number of Divisions have requested statistics for November and December 1999.

Please note that the statistics received by GPDV and sent to divisions are from the Department of Health and Aged Care in Canberra.



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January to September 2000 Victorian Divisional Statistics

January to September Statistics include population of over 75s per division and the proportion who have received an annual health assessment.

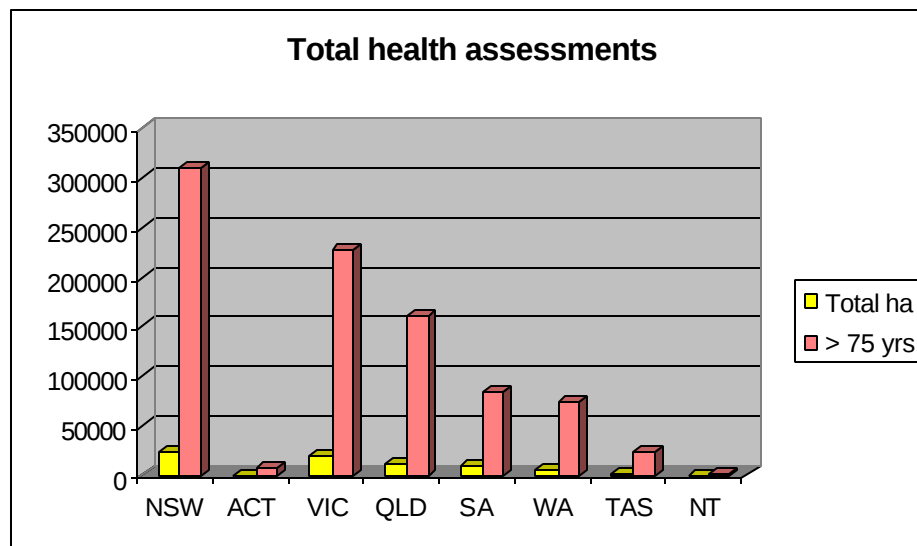
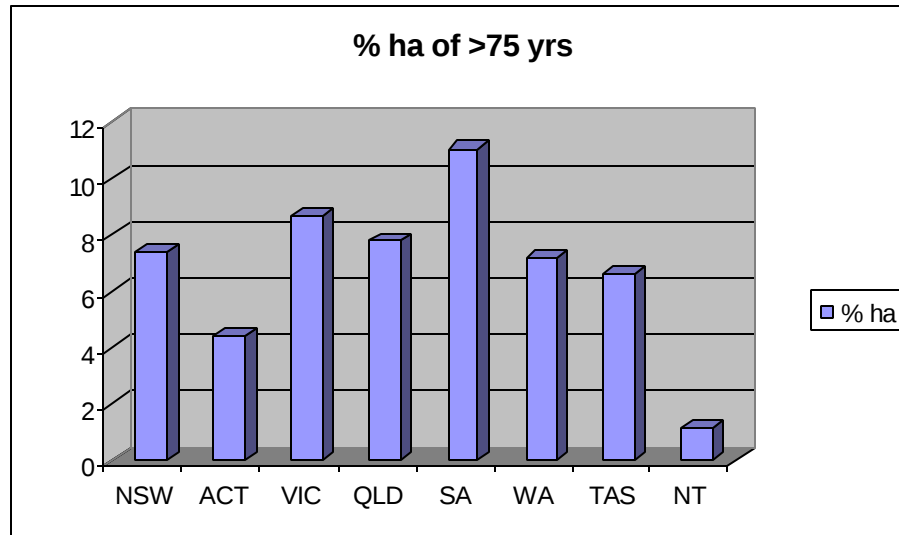


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Percentage of over 75years population who have received a Health Assessment –

November 1999 to September 2000

Population is based on 1996 Census



ATTACHMENT 1

Development of local linkages with relevant service providers

Table represents the number of divisions

Activities Undertaken	Aboriginal Health Services	Aged Care Assessment Team	Community Health Centres	Consumer Groups	Coordinated Care Trials	Local Government	Mental Health Providers	Linkages Services	Self Help Groups	Hospitals	Primary Care Partnership	RDNS/ Local Nursing	Other services
Help Desk	1	4	5	1	1	4	1	1	2	2	3	4	1
Information Sessions	4	7	8	6	1	5	5	2	1	4	5	4	2
Development of Protocols	1	3	4	8	4	3	3	3	-	7	5	4	3
Face to face meetings	7	10	14	2	3	13	9	7	2	11	15	12	2
Involvement in CME activities	2	4	6	1	1	3	5	1	-	5	2	5	4
Other	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	-	1	-

Other services include palliative care, drug and alcohol services and pharmacy