

GPV Strategy Plan 2007-2011



Mission

GPV works at the state level to support Victorian divisions of general practice. Divisions build capacity in general practice, working at the local level towards a skilled, viable and effective general practice sector to improve the health and well-being of Victorian communities.

Goal 1

Enhance primary health care delivery through general practice

Desired outcomes:

- Divisions support general practices in the changing health system to
- make a sustained and effective contribution to the achievement of national health goals and targets
 - use evidence-based approaches to improve the quality and effectiveness of general practice systems of care

Strategic approaches:

1. Work with divisions to promote the use of evidence-based models of care in general practice
2. Contribute to analysis of the impact of ongoing changes in the general practice workforce and to planning for workforce sustainability
3. Encourage the development of effective mentoring and support systems for GPs and other practice staff
4. Support the adoption by general practice of effective information management and communication systems for communication about patients and the collection, analysis and use of data
5. Continue to provide resources, training, consultation and advocacy for divisions

Priorities

- Continue to focus in policy and program development on new and emerging models of care including:
 - Incentives for new models of general practice
 - Nursing in general practice
 - Team care arrangements involving general practice
 - Models for meeting the special needs of high need, low prevalence patient groups
 - IM/ICT and E-health developments
 - Models for primary mental health care service delivery
- Examine implications for divisions of new models of practice ownership
- Strengthen working linkages with RACGP, ACRRM and professional associations of potential practice staff
- Collaborate with GP Education & Training organisations; university departments of general practice

Goal 2

Increase the integration of general practice into the health care system

Desired outcomes:

- The impact of national health initiatives and programs implemented through the divisions network is maximised through coordination in the context of, and in collaboration with, Victorian government initiatives and priorities
- Victorian divisions make an effective contribution to building an enhanced primary health care system at the state-wide level in which the key roles of general practice are recognised, valued and well integrated

Strategic approaches:

1. Contribute to policy development and refinement at state and national levels about primary health care systems
2. Work to strengthen the linkages between general practice and hospitals
3. Further strengthen linkages and collaborative activities with the Victorian government and other stakeholders
4. Promote divisions as effective organisations for the delivery of state level health services and support further development of their capacity to meet Victorian government priorities

Priorities

- Policy development
 - Collaborate with DHS to
 - articulate roles for general practice in public health and population health at state level
 - Improve the communication between hospitals and general practice
 - Encourage increased Victorian government investment in primary health care including divisions
 - Continue to contribute to national primary care policy development with AGPN and SBOs
- Representation
 - Continue to work for DHS “whole of department” approach to consultation and collaboration with divisions
 - Encourage DHS to develop and strengthen performance measures for DHS funded services in relation to integration with general practice
- Collaboration
 - Collaborate with the Victorian State Office of DoHA on the implementation of the Divisions Program in Victoria
 - Invest further effort in collaboration and cooperation with
 - NGOs particularly disease-focussed state-wide bodies e.g. Cancer Council, NHF, DAV
 - specialist hospitals that deliver statewide services
 - members of the Victorian Primary & Community Health Network

Goal 3

Enhance the Victorian Divisions Network

Desired outcomes:

- Victorian divisions are enabled by an effective Divisions Network to support general practices effectively at the local level in meeting health system improvement goals
- Victorian divisions are recognised as key contributors to local, state and national health systems

Strategic approaches:

1. Maintain governance and management systems in GPV which meet QIC and other relevant national standards
2. Promote and support effective, strategic leadership of divisions at the local level
3. Promote and contribute to the ongoing development of the Divisions Network at both state and national levels
4. Further strengthen linkages and collaborative activities with stakeholders

Priorities

- Continue to strengthen and increase collaboration with AGPN and other SBOs
- Continue an annual program of governance and leadership for board members and CEOs
- Continue to support and promote quality improvement and efficiencies in divisions network in Victoria
 - Maintain active networks and communications
 - Continue to support divisions to achieve accreditation
- Lead discussion on emerging and potential roles for divisions such as clinical service providers, regional budget-holders, etc

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