

Division-based Responses to Emergencies and Public Health Alerts

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Introduction to
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Feb Forum Summary: Pharmacy

- Victorian comments on draft MoU with Guild sent to ADGP
- PSA included in discussions in Victoria
- Planned Vic meeting of
 - Guild
 - PSA
 - RACGP
 - GPDV

GPs and emergencies

GPs will play a key role in the management of an influenza pandemic and the government plans to begin consultations with medical groups, including GPs, from late June.

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Divisions and emergencies

- Two categories
 - Disaster/bushfire/bioterrorism
 - Pandemic disease
- For each
 - DHS statewide plans
 - Local plans
 - Communication with GPs

Issues for divisions

- Role of GPs in existing plans
- Involving GPs in planning
- Communication with GPs

Today's task

- Definition of issues
- Agreement on the next steps

Later this month all GPs will receive an information pack detailing what to do and who to call in the event of a pandemic.

Dr Moira McKinnon, medical advisor for biosecurity & disease control, DoHA, in AusDoc 13/5/05