

In this edition of GP News, you'll find a wealth of information, including resources for GPs and training opportunities.

If you have any feedback or questions, please [email us](#).

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Updated RWH referral templates

Updated RWH referral templates: Maternity and Women's Health (Best Practice, Medical Director, ZedMed and Genie)

The Royal Women's Hospital is currently working with RMH, RCH and Peter MacCallum to develop HealthLink referrals from GP software. We anticipate this will be available in late 2026.

Meanwhile, referral templates have been updated. They include both Maternity and Women's Health templates for Best Practice, Medical Director, ZedMed and Genie.

These updated templates:

- Have addressed bugs such as difficulty with investigation attachments
- Updated referral mechanisms (including email option)
- Updated tests.

You are strongly encouraged to:

- Replace existing RWH referrals with these templates (see “Referral Template Downloading Instructions” under each referral)
- Use these templates when you refer.

For the latest Maternity and Women’s Health templates and download instructions, check out:

RWH Sending Referrals

You’ll also find updated Word versions for Maternity, Women’s Health, and Reproductive Services Unit there.

Shared Maternity Care guidelines update

The Royal Women's Hospital, Mercy Hospital for Women, Northern Health and Western Health have begun reviewing the “[Guidelines for Shared Maternity Care Affiliates 2021](#)”.

If you are a GP, obstetrician or midwife credentialed to provide Shared Maternity Care with any of these hospitals, we’d love your feedback. It will help us update this guideline to better support you. The survey asks about your experience with the guidelines, gaps and needs.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. Your participation is voluntary, and you may exit the survey at any time.



[Complete survey](#)



RSV vaccine administration errors - do not use Arexvy® in pregnancy

The Department of Health is warning immunisation providers about RSV vaccine administration mistakes. Arexvy® was given to pregnant women instead of Abrysvo®.

These reports coincide with the expanded use of RSV vaccines in older adults through the National Immunisation Program (NIP)

- Abrysvo® is the ONLY RSV vaccine recommended for use in pregnancy under the NIP.
- Arexvy® is approved for older adults. It must NOT be administered to pregnant women.

[More immunisation news](#)

Employment opportunity for GPs in antenatal clinic

We are hoping to employ several GPs for sessional locum work at RWH antenatal clinics in Parkville, starting later this year.

If you are interested and experienced in providing pregnancy care, and want to join a friendly and supportive multidisciplinary team at the Women's, view the position description, remuneration and apply online by 23 August 2026.



[Apply online](#)

**Myth-busting
menopause: What the**



evidence tells us about living well

Menopause is a natural stage in life and every woman's experience is different. While it has long been a source of stigma, conversations about menopause are becoming more mainstream and the 'hot flush gold rush' has seen an increase in the number of products that claim to provide relief from symptoms. But what does the

evidence actually say about living well during this transition?

Join the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences and the Women's for a panel event that will explore the latest research on menopause and help separate fact from fiction.

Date: Wednesday 16 September

Time: 5:30pm-7pm

Location: The Forum, Mezzanine Floor, Melbourne Connect, 700 Swanston Street, Carlton

Register today

Medicare ineligible patients

As part of our RWH's review process, Medicare ineligible patient fees were updated on 1 July 2026.

Please be aware that changes have been made to the fee schedule, including some new charges.

The updated fee schedule is available on the [Women's website](#).

For any questions about fees, please contact the Patient Accounts team at Phone [\(03\) 8345 3012](#)/3013/2929. Fee arrangements can be complex and vary by patient and service.

The team will give your patients clear details about fees and payment plans. (Please do not provide patients with advice or interpretation regarding fees as this may not be accurate).

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring patients receive consistent and appropriate guidance.

Pain management practices and support for IUD insertion: Have your say

The [SPHERE Centre of Research Excellence \(CRE\)](#) at Monash University is conducting a national study that focuses on practitioners providing intra-uterine device (IUD)

insertion services. The goal is to better understand their current practices and support needs. It also aims to improve pain assessment and management during IUD insertion.

If you offer IUD services, your insights can shape the development of evidence-based training and resources. This will help primary healthcare practitioners and women seeking contraception counselling and IUD insertion services.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. Your participation is voluntary, and you may exit the survey at any time. The project has been approved by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee.



[Start survey now](#)

For further information, please contact Dr Nadia Lusi [via email](#).

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Annual Shared Maternity Care workshop: Save the date

The annual Shared Maternity Care workshop will be undertaken by webinar on the two evenings of Thursday 8 October and 22 October.

Topics, Speakers, Times and webinar link: TBA

Newborn Behavioural Observations (NBO) training

The Newborn Behavioural Observations (NBO) system helps build a strong bond between parents and their infants. The NBO

includes 18 neuro-behavioural observations. These observations show the newborn's abilities and how they adapt from birth to three months old.

It is a helpful tool for professionals who work with parents during the perinatal period.

We are offering both online and in-person workshops in 2026.

- NBO online workshop: Sunday 16, Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 August 2026
- NBO for high-risk infants in-person workshop (Melbourne): Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 October 2026

Cost: \$649-\$924 depending on mode of workshop and early-bird rates

For more information visit: [NBO training course information | The Royal Women's Hospital](#).



[Register now](#)

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