



INTRODUCING THE NORTH EAST VALLEY DIVISION OF GENERAL PRACTICE

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What are Divisions of General Practice?

A Division of General Practice is a local organisation which:

- Is funded by the Commonwealth Government's Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA)
- Is membership based (GP members)
- Is overseen by an elected Board of Directors
- Is involved in rollout of national health initiatives
- Aims to improve primary health care at a local level.

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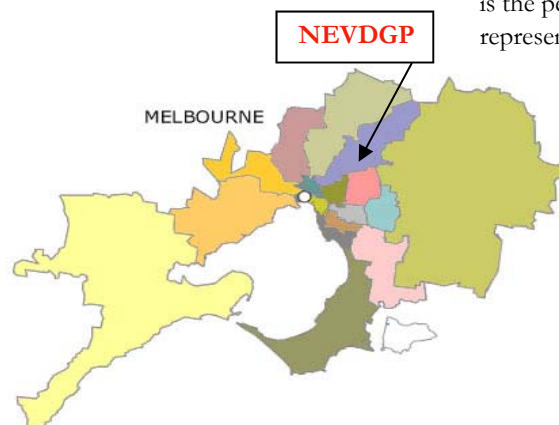
Initially formed as the North East Melbourne Division of General Practice in 1993, an amalgamation with the Diamond Valley Division in 1995 saw the development of the North East Valley Division of General Practice (NEVDGP).

The NEVDGP covers the local government areas of the City of Banyule, the Shire of Nillumbik, and about 50% of the City of Darebin.

General Practice Divisions in Victoria

There are now 30 Divisions of General Practice in Victoria and 119 across Australia that aim to improve health outcomes for patients by encouraging general practitioners to work together with other health professionals to improve the quality of health service delivery at the local level.

Around 94% of Victorian GPs are now members of Divisions.



State Based Organisations (SBOs)

Divisions in each state and territory are represented by an SBO. There are 8 SBOs. In Victoria, the SBO is General Practice Victoria (GPV).

www.gpv.org.au

Australian General Practice Network (AGPN)

The AGPN, established in 1998, is the peak national body that represents the 119 Divisions of General Practice and their SBOs across Australia.

The Network delivers local health solutions through general practice. Its activities cover a broad range of primary health care issues.

www.agpn.com.au

NEVDGP priorities

We have over 250 members and have strong links with local primary, secondary and tertiary health care. Our programs are directed towards achieving outcomes in relation to the following priority areas:

- Prevention and early intervention (eg immunisation)
- Access (eg residential aged care, ATSI, Practice Nurse support)
- Integration (eg GPs and hospitals, primary care partnerships)
- Managing chronic disease (cardiovascular, diabetes, mental health, respiratory, & musculoskeletal)
- General practice support (eg practice staff support, IT/IM, accreditation)
- Quality support (professional development, QUM, clinical audits)
- Consumer focus (practice/patient engagement)
- Workforce (recruitment and renewal)
- Governance (eg effective external engagement, financial compliance and risk management).

[See overleaf for services](#)

AGED CARE

The *Aged Care Access Initiative* commenced on 1 July 2008. It replaced the Aged Care GP Panels Initiative which was in place from 2004-2008. The *Aged Care Access Initiative* aims to improve access to primary care services for residents of Commonwealth-funded aged care homes by:

- A GP incentive payment; and
- A payment for Allied Health Professionals for clinical care services where these services are not covered by Medicare or other government funding

Contact: Clare Chiminello

CLINICAL AUDIT SUPPORT-PEN & HEALTH ATLAS

These are decision support tools designed for use by GPs, practice managers and other practice staff to analyse clinical and demographic data and is provided as a service to all general practices in the NEVDGP.

Contact: Noel Stewart

GP EDUCATION

The Division offers activities attracting RACGP QA&CPD Category 1 and 2 points including a regular Tuesday GP Lecture series held at the Repatriation Hospital in the Lecture Theatre at 12.30 pm. For more details see our website (www.nevdgp.org.au)

Contact: John Fletcher

HOME MEDICINES REVIEW

In collaboration with the GP, an accredited pharmacist, via the patient's preferred community pharmacy, comprehensively reviews the patient's medications during a home visit. The report from this visit is conveyed to the GP and where appropriate, a medication management plan is developed in agreement with the patient.

Contact: Jenny Gowan

IMMUNISATION

The Division's immunisation program is designed to assist GPs and their staff to maintain a 'best practice' immunisation service to their patients through clinical education, suitable resources and a readily available advisory service.

Practice visits for updates and vaccine storage audits are also available.

Contact: John Fletcher

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

The Division offers a comprehensive practice visit program for its members, either at the practice or in the Division's training room. A list of the courses on offer is on the Division's website. There is also a Help Desk service. The website offers a variety of useful resources, including Medical Director and Best Practice templates, cheat sheets, MD Training books for sale and links to IM-related sites.

Contact: Noel Stewart

CHRONIC DISEASE

The Division assists practices to implement 'best practice' care for patients with one or more chronic medical conditions. These include cardiovascular, respiratory, mental health, musculoskeletal & diabetes.

The Division provides resources and information on the use of Chronic Disease MBS items including GPMPs and TCAs, and assists practices to use lifestyle programs including Lifescrpts which covers the risk factors of smoking, nutrition, alcohol, and physical activity.

Contact: John Fletcher & Noel Stewart

MENTAL HEALTH

The Division provides information and practical support to GPs working with patients with mental health issues. Practice visits can be arranged to provide you with up to date service and referral information.

We can also offer you a mental health nurse to provide extra support for you and your patients at no cost.

Contact: Nicky Bisogni

NPS/QUM

The primary aim of the Division's QUM/NPS program is to support GPs in their role as prescribers by providing them with independent, consistent and up-to-date information on new and existing drug therapies as well information on disease management principles and guidelines.

Services offered by the Division to GPs/health professionals include 30 minute one-to-one educational visits &/or 60 minute case study meetings for groups of 3 or more GPs.

Practice nurses, medical students and GP registrars can also participate in practice visits and take part in case study meetings. QPI PIP payments are also available for eligible practices participating in this program.

Contact: Dr Mary Levidiotis

PRACTICE SUPPORT

Depending on your practice size and/or your specific needs you may request either practice visits or case study meetings on any topics or services listed. here Please note that GP-Registrars, Practice Nurses and/or your local pharmacist can be invited to these activities.

Practice Managers:

The Division provides extensive education and training services for practice managers. There is also an active network of practice managers to facilitate communication between managers.

Contact: Noel Stewart

Practice Nurses:

As with Practice Managers, the Division provides numerous educational, training and communication services for Practice Nurses, including an active network.

Contact: Janina De Silva

Practice Accreditation Support

The Division offers support for practice accreditation and re-accreditation through practice visits and help desk, mock survey visits, IM/IT assistance, resource provision and vaccine management.

Contact: Clare Chiminello

Practice visits:

These take approx 30 minutes and can be arranged at your practice at a time to suit you.

Case study meetings: are available for groups of 3-8 GPs, take approx. 60 minutes and can be arranged at your practice at a time to suit you .

GOOGLE PRACTICE LOCATIONS/MAPS

A search mechanism to find the locations of various services including GP practices, Community Health Services, Aged Care Homes and pharmacies.

WEBSITE

The NEVDGP website is widely acknowledged as a valuable source of information for patients, GPs and practice staff. Our website is:

www.nevdgp.org.au

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