

GP Plus Country Practice Nurse Initiative

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SA Health

Glad I'm at this end of the boat!





GP Plus Services

- A key health reform area for Country Health SA
- Building the Primary Care System through integration between in-hospital, out-of-hospital, GP and other health service providers
- Effectively utilising skills and capacity of all health service providers to better care for people with chronic disease in the community in country SA



GP Plus Practice Nurse Initiative Future Directions

- Support for continuation of PNI for 2010/2011
- Greater emphasis in country SA on increased access to services for people with chronic disease
- Proposed funding allocation for 2010-2011 based on reported outcomes achieved in 2009-2010 through Rural Divisions of GP and grant funds available on application




Goals for Practice Nurse Initiative 2010-2011


- Major component of the PNI will be a focus on direct patient service delivery to reduce need for hospital presentations and admissions
- Key performance indicators related to patient-level activity will be developed
- Close monitoring will occur by Statewide Service Strategy, Department of Health



Country Practice Nurse Initiative - Work to Date

- CHSA Country Practice Nurse Initiative Proposal Development – 2008
- Partnership with GPSA – 2008/2009
- CHSA carried out research about those practices owned by CHSA in relation to practice nurses employed, their roles and the responsibility of CHSA to provide support
- Forum held with all Rural Divisions of GP and those with rural chapters – June 2009

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- Service agreement between CHSA and GPSA finalised and funding committed for full year 2009/2010
 - Local service integration, knowledge sharing and referral opportunities
 - Greater awareness about country patient journey and Patient Liaison Network
 - Services provided by Practice Nurses eg through nurse-led clinics
 - Improved access to services for people living in country SA with chronic disease, through enhanced roles and capacity of practice nurses

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- Building on the foundation work implemented during the first year of the Country Practice Nurse Initiative, funding will support continuation of some positions based within participating Divisions of General Practice, and provide funding available on application as grants, for the following, to support people living in country SA with chronic disease:
 - Services provided by Practice Nurses eg through nurse-led clinics
 - Self management support and services
 - Integrated service provision in partnership with other local service providers



CPNI - Objectives

- To increase access to nurse-led services and clinics for people with chronic disease living in country SA
- To recruit additional nurses to work within general practice within country SA
- To increase access to and opportunities for education, training, peer support and mentoring for practice nurses



CPNI - Objectives

- To foster and support the ongoing expansion of practice nurses in general practice in country SA
- To integrate patient care through linking local services and supports within local networks
- To increase the number of general practices and nurses in country SA utilising available clinical audit tools, in particular to monitor patient outcomes, assist in the management of CDM, and inform quality improvement in general practice.



CPNI - Objectives

- Improve management and coordination of patient journeys to enable better access to health care for people living in country SA
- To facilitate a change process in country SA towards systematic CDM.
- Encourage the establishment and maintenance of linkages between the CPNI and other country health strategies, including Better Care Facilitation, Rapid Intensive Brokerage Support (RIBS), patient liaison nurses and Closing the Gap Program.



How will this be achieved?

- Different approaches to implementation will depend on the needs of the particular Rural Division of GP
- For all it will be about practice nurses providing more services in country SA for people with chronic disease, seeking service development opportunities and developing resources to support change within general practice
- This will be achieved through:
 - Nurse-led clinics
 - multi-disciplinary clinics and services
 - Chronic disease self management support
- Regular review and evaluation



***Right care,
right time,
right team and
right place***