

Prescribing Data in General Practice Demonstration (PDGPD) project.

The Australian General Practice Network (AGPN) and National Prescribing Service (NPS) are calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) from Divisions of General Practice across Australia to participate in the Prescribing Data in General Practice Demonstration (PDGPD) project. This project is a quality improvement activity for GPs. The PDGPD project is focused on two clinical areas: management of hypertension and chronic heart failure (CHF). CHF and hypertension are conditions that have well established treatment guidelines but have been identified as having gaps in optimal treatment among the Australian population.

This project further increases the ability of electronic prescribing data extraction to be used for Quality Use of Medicines (QUM) purposes. To make this feasible, the Canning data extraction software tool has been modified to automatically extract relevant prescribing data and automatically calculate eight clinical indicators used in this project.

The PDGPD project aims to aid GPs through feedback of their own prescribing data and discussion with practice peers and a trained facilitator. Immediate feedback of GP and practice-level data in the form of clinical indicator results is generated by using a data extraction software tool. This is followed by feedback of aggregate results. GPs will then review those individual patients identified by the extraction tool who may benefit from a change in prescribing to optimise management. The activity will be evaluated to determine whether it is acceptable and sustainable within general practices, promotes good prescribing practice and improves short term patient outcomes.

Up to 180 practices and 20 Divisions across Australia will be selected for the project. While this is a call for Expressions of Interest for a demonstration project of limited scale, it is envisaged that the outcomes of this quality improvement trial will be used to develop innovative quality use of medicine interventions that will be offered to all Divisions across Australia.

Next steps?

We would encourage all Divisions of General Practice to consider lodging an application for this project. Detailed selection criteria are contained in the EOI documentation at the following web address: [Prescribing Data Project](#)

Expressions of Interest close on 22nd May 2009. Submission forms should be emailed to dataprescribing@agpn.com.au

Where do I get more information?

Please go to following web address: [Prescribing Data Project](#) to download the EOI documents.

There are five documents supporting the Expressions of Interest process. These are:

- [Overview Document for Divisions of General Practice](#)
- [Expressions of Interest form for Divisions of General Practice](#)
- [Information for General Practices and GPs](#)
- [Information for Divisions of General Practice](#)
- [Information describing data management, evaluation and privacy](#)

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