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HealthPathways WA

Pain HealthPathways

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What is HealthPathways?



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- Online portal designed by GPs for GPs
- Accessible to all health professionals – GPs, nurses, specialists, allied health professionals
- Supports GPs in their consultations by providing concise information on clinical assessment and management and...

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Helps GPs & health professionals in navigating the health system by providing information on when, where and how to refer patients.



Where did it start?



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- HealthPathways launched October 2015 in WA.
- Initially from Canterbury, New Zealand
- Contains over 550 pathways with over 415 pathways localised to WA so far
- HealthPathways is Australia wide with WA covering the largest geographical region.

Results of Evaluation in New Zealand



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- **90 - 95%** of general practice teams considered the website easy to use and contributed to an increase and improvement of care in the community.
- **87%** of hospital clinicians considered the website had contributed to better patient management in primary care.
- **81%** of GPs agreed HealthPathways had changed clinical practice.
- **61%** agreed that HealthPathways changed the information they provided to patients.
- **57%** agreed HealthPathways had changed the way they do referrals.



- Strengthens relationships between GPs and specialists
- Improves quality of referrals
- Decreases number of patients referred to specialty care who could be managed in the community
- Reduces hospital stays and waiting times



- Expressions of interest are now open for General Practitioners to participate in a HealthPathways Working Group:
 - Pregnancy - October 2018
 - Breastfeeding - October 2018
 - Heart Failure- October 2018
 - Stroke- November 2018
 - Plastics- November 2018

Accessing HealthPathways



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<https://wa.healthpathways.org.au>

Username: connected

Password: healthcare

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