



## Progress Report (as of 31/10/16)

Pathways localised	223
Pathways in development	79
Workgroups completed	13
Workgroups in development	1
Number of site users	2,964
Number of page views	62,605

### New localised pathways:

- [Health Assessments](#) (4 Pathways)
- [Grief and Loss](#) (2 pathways)
- [HIV](#) (4 pathways)
- [Digital Health](#) (4 pathways)
- [Problem Gambling Counselling](#)

### Pathways in consultation:

- Hepatitis B and C
- Antenatal Care
- Child with a Rash
- Obesity

To be part of the consultation process, email [swshealthpathways@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:swshealthpathways@sswahs.nsw.gov.au).

### Top 5 pathways:

- [Aged Care Assessment Services](#)
- Women's Health (not localised)
- [Diabetes](#)
- [Sexual Health](#)
- [Antenatal Care Referrals](#)

### Upcoming Workgroups:

- Gynaecological Cancers—16 November in Liverpool

See the Project Site [Events Calendar](#)



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## Clinical Pathway Suite: Grief and Loss

*"In this world, nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."* Benjamin Franklin

It is inevitable that GPs will manage patients through the terminal phase of an illness and provide care to the friends and families of those who have passed away.

The GP's role in grief and loss includes both practical and supportive roles. The practical components, such as development of advanced care directives, completion of a medical certificate of cause of death have been available on HealthPathways for many months.

Recently, HealthPathways has also gone live with the [bereavement, loss and grief](#) pathways to assist general practitioners in managing some of the more supportive aspects of grief and loss.

This includes a clinical pathway examining the ways in which general practice teams can support those experiencing grief and loss, and a [request page](#) identifying the main services available that can be accessed for support and counselling.

## Preparing for Accreditation?

Accreditation in general practice was established to promote a culture of quality and safety in Australian general practices.

HealthPathways includes a number of pathways to assist general practices meet the requirements for accreditation, regarding guidelines that are required to be met to be accredited and access to resources that need to be identified as accessible within the practice.

For those completing accreditation, consider reviewing the following pathways:

- [Waste management in general practice](#)
- [Personal protective equipment](#)
- [Cleaning for Infection Prevention and Control](#)
- [Hand Hygiene](#)
- [Vaccine Storage and Cold Chain Storage](#)
- [Interpreter Services](#)
- [Multicultural Services and Translated Resources](#)

## Clinical Pathway Suite: Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

- [HIV—Diagnosis](#)
- [HIV—Exposure and Prophylaxis](#)
- [HIV—Ongoing Management](#)
- [HIV Treatment and Support Services](#)

Once seen as a terminal illness, the advent of antiretroviral treatments and their success has reclassified Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) as a chronic infection. However, stigma surrounding a HIV diagnosis still exists.

New advances in healthcare, such as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) have also worked to reduce the transmission of HIV infections to other people due to the reduced exposure time.

The HIV suite of pathways within the sexual health section covers all aspects of HIV assessment and management.

[HIV—Diagnosis](#) provides clinical guidance regarding who and how someone should be screened, recommended responses to a negative, undetermined and positive test result and the classification of the HIV infection.

[HIV—Ongoing Management](#) provides clinical guidance on supporting patients with HIV, including an overview of the various retroviral combination therapies and medical monitoring.

[HIV—Exposure and Prophylaxis](#) provides details regarding the appropriate processes for someone who has experienced an occupational, sexual or needlestick exposure.

[HIV Treatment and Support Services](#) provides details of the medical services available for people with a HIV infection as well social, physical health, financial and legal supports.

## HealthPathways Evaluation Survey

The South Western Sydney Integrated Care Collaboration Research Committee is currently evaluating HealthPathways with a particular focus on the diabetes section.

A GP survey has been developed and only takes a few minutes to complete. The information received will be used to help us understand how and if you use the HealthPathways for your patients with diabetes.

Before exiting the survey, you may be invited for a short interview with our research team to further understand how you use HealthPathways for Integrated Healthcare (if appointed for interview, reimbursement for your time will be available).

The information received will be used to help understand how, and if, GPs use the site for patients with diabetes.

The survey can be accessed at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/HIT2Evaluation](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HIT2Evaluation).

## HealthPathways Practice Visits

HealthPathways is offering practice visits to health professionals and medical practices interested in learning more about HealthPathways, including:

- How to navigate the HealthPathways site
- Demonstration of the sites' many features, including practice templates, patient information, etc.

To arrange a practice visit, speak to your PHN Practice Support Officer and they will liaise with the HealthPathways team on a suitable date and time.

Practice visits are available with both the HealthPathways Manager and/or the GP Clinical Lead, Dr Chee Khoo.

## HealthPathways Project Team

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## My Health System Spotlight: Digital Health and Health Assessment Sections

HealthPathways aims to be more than just a clinical support tool. It aims to provide support for all aspects of general practice.

Two new resources have been added to the My Health System section, Health Assessments and Digital Health.

The Health Assessment section provides information on the Medicare billing items and assessment requirements to claim these items.

The following health assessment are available:

- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander](#)
- [T2D Risk Evaluation](#)
- [45-49 years](#)
- [75 years and over](#)
- [Permanent residents of RACF](#)
- [People with an intellectual disability](#)
- [Refugee & humanitarian entrants](#)

The Digital Health section provides information on:

- [E-health practice incentives](#)
- [Electronic Discharge Summaries](#)
- [Secure messaging services](#)
- [My Health Record](#), which includes registration process and guides for creating and using My Health Record in a [range of practice management systems](#).

## Clinical Editor Spotlight: Dr. Nicole Hall



Dr Nicole Hall is the most recent GP clinical editor to sign on with the HealthPathways South Western Sydney team.

Dr Hall currently works at Wattle Grove Family Medical Practice.

Dr Hall's qualifications include:

- MBBS (Hons)
- FRACGP
- Member of the LHD/PHN Antenatal Shared Care Working Party

Dr Hall has a special interest in Women and Children's Health, and Palliative Care.

Dr Hall has been working in collaboration with Dr Susan Sunwoo on localising the complete suite of antenatal pathways.

## HealthPathways Program Snapshot (extract from Monthly Program Snapshot)

The Monthly Program Snapshots are available in the Progress Section of the [Project Website](#).

