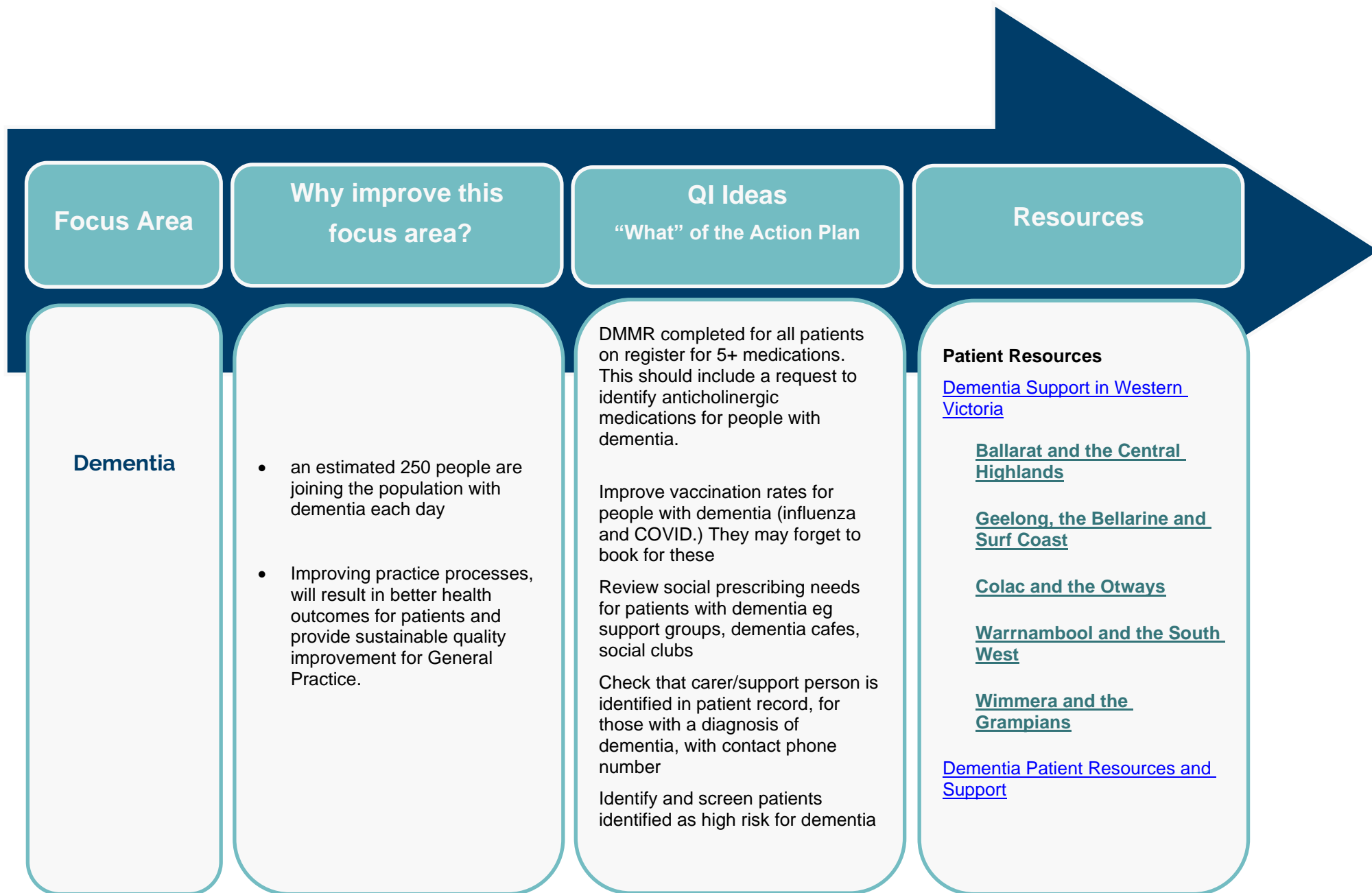




# CHANGE IDEA: DEMENTIA

## Quality Improvement for Primary Care

Focus Area	Why improve this focus area?	QI Ideas “What” of the Action Plan	Resources
<b>Dementia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dementia is the second leading cause of death</li><li>• It is the leading cause of death of Australian women, surpassing heart disease.</li><li>• It is the single greatest cause of disability in older Australians (65 yrs and older)</li></ul>	<p>Create a register of patients with known dementia and those newly diagnosed, and use the register to review management</p> <p>Improve number of 75+ patients who have a Health Assessment, and to identify those with any cognitive impairment.</p> <p>Establish a consistent diagnosis coding for dementia, to be used by all GPs</p> <p>Incorporate cognitive function test in health assessments for those who have indicators of memory problems</p> <p>Increase GPMP's and TCA for patients on dementia register (dementia is a chronic disease)</p> <p>Ensure recalls and reminders are added to review GPMP and TCA for people with dementia</p>	<p><b>Clinic Resources</b></p> <p><a href="#">Early dementia Optimal management in general practice</a></p> <p><a href="#">Dementia Australia</a></p> <p><a href="#">Dementia Training Australia</a></p> <p><a href="#">Timely Diagnosis of Dementia - APNA</a></p> <p><b>HealthPathways</b></p> <p><a href="#">Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Dementia Behaviour Management Specialised Assessment</a></p> <p><a href="#">Cognitive Impairment and Dementia</a></p> <p><a href="#">Medications for Dementia</a></p>



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### Dementia

- an estimated 250 people are joining the population with dementia each day
- Improving practice processes, will result in better health outcomes for patients and provide sustainable quality improvement for General Practice.

DMMR completed for all patients on register for 5+ medications. This should include a request to identify anticholinergic medications for people with dementia.

Improve vaccination rates for people with dementia (influenza and COVID.) They may forget to book for these

Review social prescribing needs for patients with dementia eg support groups, dementia cafes, social clubs

Check that carer/support person is identified in patient record, for those with a diagnosis of dementia, with contact phone number

Identify and screen patients identified as high risk for dementia

### Patient Resources

[Dementia Support in Western Victoria](#)

[Ballarat and the Central Highlands](#)

[Geelong, the Bellarine and Surf Coast](#)

[Colac and the Otways](#)

[Warrnambool and the South West](#)

[Wimmera and the Grampians](#)

[Dementia Patient Resources and Support](#)