

Project ECHO: West Vic PHN Hub – Population Health Network: Reproductive Health Series

Series 1 - Session 10, Thursday 7th of August 2023

Bianca Forrester (Session facilitator & Clinical Lead of Innovation and Learning): Introduction

- Project ECHO – panel & participant discussion about population health
- Revisiting cervical cancer screening: mini audits and quality improvement in primary care
- A Learning Health Systems Approach: Data → Knowledge → Practice
- Acknowledgment of countries

Dr Kate Graham (GP and clinical editor): Health Care Pathways

- ATAGI recommends all adults >75 should receive another dose if >6 months since last
- All adults 65-74, or adults 18-64 with immunocompromise should consider if >6 months
- From October 1 no new COVID-19 Vaccine Training Modules will be made
- COVID-19 training will no longer be mandatory for participation in vaccination program
- Thunderstorm asthma risk forecasted from 1 October until 31 December

Katrina Martin (Manager Public Health & Emergency Preparedness): West Vic PHN

- CPD: 5 hours reviewing performance (Project ECHO) and 5 hours measuring outcomes (QI)
- Self-reporting CPD can be undertaken through either the Quick Log or the RACGP app
- Mini audit (5 hours): Plan → Do → Study → Act
- Full audit (10 hours): repeat mini audit cycle a second time
- Audit tool available for GPs undertaking mini or full audit cycle in their practice
- Guidance on SMART objectives for audit cycles
- Can use POLAR data software to collect data: other data software also available

Dr Nic Brayshaw (GP) & Jayne Profaca (Registered Nurse): Kardinia Health

- Audit aim: try to increase cervical screening by 5-10% in under/never screened population
- Actions: using opportunistic, self-collected and clinician-led cervical screening
- Actions: remind GPs about CSTs and eligible patients, meetings, set up collection boxes
- Baseline data compared to collected data at 3 months using POLAR data
- Results: Increase by 15.7% in CST rates over 3 months: now embedded into health system
- Results: 31% self-collected, 63% clinician collected and 6% opportunistic testing
- Reasons for success: team approach with a GP/nurse lead, practice meetings, online module, practice education session (VCS), resources on wall to increase awareness, increased nursing resources, reminder letters sent to under/never screened patients

Sarah Crowe (Digital Health Manager): West Vic PHN

- Demonstrating accessing data on Polar: screening tab for example audit
- Can procure baseline data → subject to accuracy of data collection
- Data relies on software input and practice/clinician coding