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COVID + Pathway Learning Network webinar series

Webinar: COVID+ Pathways updates

& Perspectives of Primary Care

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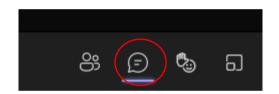
I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the all of lands in which we live and from where we join this meeting today. I pay my respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. I also pay my respects to the Elders of other communities who may be joining us today.

Webinar series purpose

- Showcase local clinicians who will share their experiences delivering the COVID + Pathways model
- Provide a forum for sharing and collaboration to support the delivery of best practice
- * To share your services' experiences, innovations and learnings in delivering the COVID+ Pathway at an upcoming webinar email centresofclinicalexcellence@safercare.vic.gov.au

Before we start

Throughout the webinar you can ask questions by typing your question into the chat.



There will also be a dedicated time for questions and discussions.

The presenters will do their best to answer your questions at the end of the presentation.

This session will be recorded and made available on the SCV website.

Overview

Topic	Presenter
Update on Comms Resources – COVID+/CALD	Ella O'Keefe, Senior Communications Adviser, CALD Communications, DFFH
	Suzanne Hall, Snr Comms Adviser - COVID Response Associate Secretary, DFFH
National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce update	A/Prof Steve McGloughlin, Director Department of Intensive Care & Hyperbaric Medicine Alfred Health: Associate Professor, School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine: Executive Director, National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce
Questions/Reflections	Facilitated by Brett Morris
	Marita Sealey, Executive General Manager (Primary and Aged Care Service Innovation)
	South Eastern Melbourne PHN – Introduction of the GPRC Program
Presentation from SEPHN on Respiratory Clinics	Jessica Mayorga-Cerna, Practice Nurse Manager – Cranbourne GPRC – Overview of the Cranbourne GPRC from a Nurse Led perspective
	Dr. Virginia Hamilton, GP Monash GPRC – Overview of the operation and GP Perspective of Monash GPRC program.
Questions/Reflections	Facilitated by Brett Morris

COVID-19 Communications for Multicultural Communities

Ella O'Keefe, Senior Communications Adviser, CALD Communications, DFFH

Suzanne Hall, Snr Comms Adviser - COVID Response Associate Secretary, DFFH

Translated & Accessible COVID-19 Resources

CALD Communities Taskforce

Not for further distribution



COVID-19 Communications Challenge – Second Wave

Despite best efforts and a record number of languages translated, many CALD communities were not being reached

Translated written information problematic due to delays in availability, dialect differences, no central location and low literacy issues

Digital technologies were sustaining already established connections, but no wider

Trust in government had been harmed, especially following perception of some unnecessarily harsh measures

Improve the dissemination and accessibility of critical COVID-19 communication material

- 1. Create new channels of communication
- 2. Increase audio and visual in-language content
- 3. Increase translated information
- 4. Work with trusted messengers
- 5. Support community-led content

Animations



Animations which explain information in accessible and visual way.

We have created a range of image-only and narrated translated animations on a variety of topics in partnership with the Migration Council of Australia.

There are videos available in up to 33 different languages.

https://www.youtube.com/c/Vic GovDH/playlists

National and Ethnic Multicultural Broadcasters' Council Partnership

www.facebook.com/Nembc soundcloud.com/user-760283919/sets/nembc-multilingual-new-service





Audio explainers on a variety of topics in more than 19 languages which are accessible for people not literate in their spoken language. Shared on community radio, available on Soundcloud and Facebook.

A regular COVID-19 multilingual news service which provides timely, updated, translated information on the latest announcements and developments.



Translated Posters

Multiple posters translated into 36 languages with key information



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What to do if you are a household contact

You are a household contact (also called close contact) if you have speat more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 in a house, accommodation, or care facility. You are a household contact for 7 days from the day you spent time with the person who

Rules for household contacts Household contacts must









Understanding rapid

Rapid antigen feets (RATs or RA tests) can be used to quality check if you have

COVID-19. They can provide a result quickly, assativ within 15-30 minutes, and can be

Do you have any COVID-19 symptoms?

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When to use a rapid antigen test

Have you spent 4 hours or more with someone that has COVID-197

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text and had a positive result?

For more information on when to get tested out

Det a test at a

testing centre.

You don't need to take a test.

Remember to continue to

monitor for symptoms and

get tested if they develop.

If you can't follow these rules you must guarantine for 7 days. During your guarantine you must take a rapid antigen test on Day 1 (or as soon as possible) and Day 7.



You buy them from a supermarket or pharmacy.

Anyone can get them for free from a state-run testing site. For a list of testing sites visit www.corongvirus.vic.gov.gu/ rapid-antigen-tests.

Some commonwealth concession card holders can get them for free from participating pharmacies. For more nformation visit www.health.gov.au/ sealth-alerts/covid-19/testing

NDIS participants and people with a disability support pension can get them Officer or at state-run testing sites.

What to do if you test positive? If you test positive at any time A Isolate immediately Report your positive result to the Department of Health at

or by calling the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398. Reporting your result means you will have access to healthcare, financial and other support through the COVID Positive Pothways program

www.coronovirus.vic.gov.gu/report

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Understanding rapid antigen tests

Who can get rapid antigen tests for free

- The following concession and holders can get them for free from a phormacy.
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Cord
- . Department of Veterary's Affairs Ooks, White or Orange Card
- . Health Core Cord
- . Low income Health Card.
- + Pensioner Concession Cord

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If you are a contact of someone with COVID-19 or you have symptoms you can get a rapid simbigen best from a testing contra-

Understanding your rapid antigen test result



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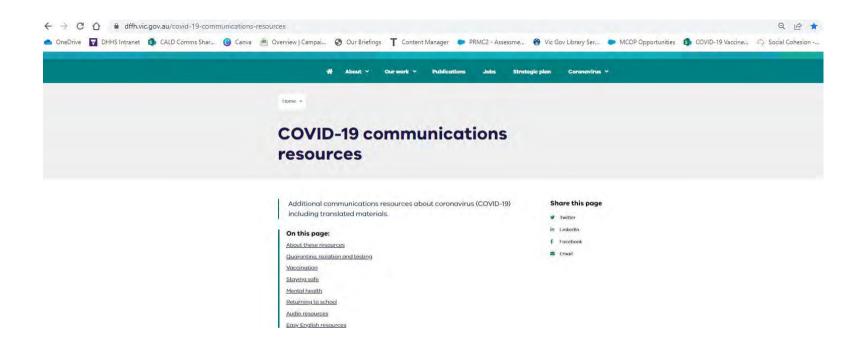
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National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce update

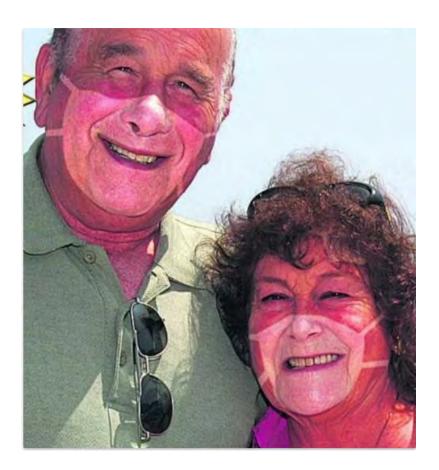
A/Prof Steve McGloughlin, Executive Director, National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce

Safer Care Victoria Webinar Taskforce Update

A/Prof Steve McGloughlin, Executive Director

June 29, 2022





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Recent new or updated guidance



- Oestrogen-containing therapies NEW (9/6)
- Remdesivir in children and adolescents NEW & UPDATED (9/6)
- Drug treatments decision tool for at risk children and adolescents who do not require oxygen NEW (9/6)



DRUG TREATMENTS FOR AT RISK CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITH COVID-19 WHO DO NOT REQUIRE OXYGEN





Child or adolescent with symptomatic COVID-19 who does not require oxygen and is at high risk of deterioration

Children and adolescents who are suspected to be at high risk of deterioration should be managed by and discussed with a multidisciplinary team.

Risk factors for deterioration

- Paediatric complex chronic conditions (PCCC):
- congenital and genetic, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, malignancies, metabolic, neuromuscular, renal and respiratory conditions
- Severe asthma: for example, in the past 12 months ≥1 exacerbation requiring ICU admission or IV treatment, OR ≥2 hospital admissions for asthma; children requiring biologic therapy for symptoms
- . Obesity: above 95th percentile on BMI for age growth chart

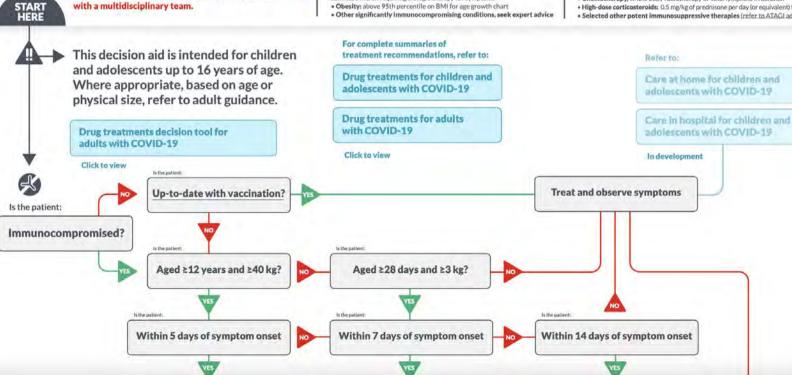
Immunocompromising conditions

Primary or acquired immunodeficiency

- Haematologic neoplasms: leukaemias, lymphomas, myelodysplastic syndromes
- Post-transplant: solid organ (on immunosuppressive therapy), haematopoletic stem cell transplant (within 24 months)
- Immunocompromised due to primary or acquired (AIDS) immunodeficiency
- Other significantly immunocompromising conditions

Immunosuppressive therapy (current or recent)

- Chemotherapy, whole body radiotherapy or total lymphoid irradiation
- . High-dose corticosteroids: 0.5 mg/kg of prednisone per day (or equivalent) for ≥14 days
- . Selected other potent immunosuppressive therapies (refer to ATAGL advice)



There are limited data on the efficacy of these treatments in children <12 years, and no studies comparing these treatment options in any age group. Inhaled corticosteroids (budesonide or ciclesonide) can be considered for adjunctive use with other treatment options; however, the added benefit of adjunctive use is unclear. There is currently no evidence available on the effectiveness of concurrent use of monoclonal antibodies or antivirals for COVID-19. except where co-formulated.



In exceptional circumstances and in consultation with a specialist paediatrician, consider*



tixagevimab plus cilgavimab (Evusheld)
300 mg / 300 mg IM once

Monoclonal antibody (dual therapy)

Product type:

Antiviral (dual therapy)

Clinical evidence:



Adults aged ≥18 years in the EPIC-HR trial were treated within 5 days of symptom onset with oral nirmatrelvir/ritonavir 300 mg/100 mg twice daily for 5 days.



Administration considerations:

*Not approved by TGA for this indication.
Nirmatrelvir (two 150 mg tablets) and ritonavir (one 100 mg tablet) should be taken together orally every 12 hours for 5 days, with or without food. The tablets should be swallowed whole and not chewed, broken or crushed.

See full TGA PI





Severe renal or severe hepatic impairment.
Concomitant use with drugs that are highly
dependent on CYP3A for clearance or are potent
CYP3A inducers. Hypersensitivity to active
ingredients or other components of the product.





Multiple significant drug-drug interactions associated with CYP3A inhibition. See full TGA PI See Liverpool interaction checker

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No formal interaction studies have been conducted. Evusheld is not expected to undergo metabolism by hepatic enzymes or renal elimination.

Consider

Inhaled corticosteroids
(budesonide or ciclesonide)

Sotrovimab and Ronapreve (casirivimab plus imdevimab) can be used in the target population but have been omitted due to reduced effectiveness against the circulating Omicron variant.



In exceptional circumstances, if previous options are not suitable or available, and in consultation with a specialist paediatrician, consider*

remdesivir

 \geq 40 kg: 200 mg IV on day 1 then 100 mg IV on days 2 & 3 \geq 3 kg to <40 kg: 5 mg/kg IV on day 1 then 2.5 mg/kg on days 2 & 3

Antiviral (monotherapy)



Adults aged \$13 years in the PINETREE trial were treated within 7 days of symptom onset with three IV doses on consecutive days (200 mg on day 1, followed by 100 mg on days 2 & 3). Paediatric patients aged 28 days to <18 years in the CARAVAN trial were treated for up to 10 days with daily IV infusions, dosed according to weight catesory (23 kg to 40 kg;).



*Not approved by TGA for paediatric patients <40 kg not requiring oxygen. Should be administered intravenously in a setting with immediate access to medications to treat severe infusion or

immediate access to medications to treat severe infusion or hypersensitivity reactions and an emergency medical response. Due to potential concerns with the use of cyclodextrin in infants, the benefits and risks should be carefully considered. See full TGA PI

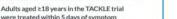


Hypersensitivity to active ingredients or other components of the product.



No interaction studies have been conducted. Patients should remain under close observation during the days of remdesivir administration.

Do not use concomitantly with chloroquine phosphate or hydroxychloroquine sulphate.



were treated within 5 days of symptom onset with a single dose of Evusheld consisting of two IM injections (300 mg tixagevimab and 300 mg cilgavimab).



*Not approved by TGA for this indication.
Single dose of 600 mg Evusheld consisting of separate sequential intramuscular injections (300 mg tixagevimab and 300 mg cilgavimab).
See full TGA PI



Hypersensitivity to active ingredients or other components of the product. NATIONAL COVID-19 CLINICAL EVIDENCE TASKFORCE

18 CLINICAL FLOWCHARTS

Available now at covid19evidence.net.au



Consideration of in vitro data



- Now conducting daily searches for in vitro data on BA. 4/5
- Data currently very limited
- Will update recommendations as data becomes available
- Working with Prof Miles Davenport and his team at the Kirby Institute

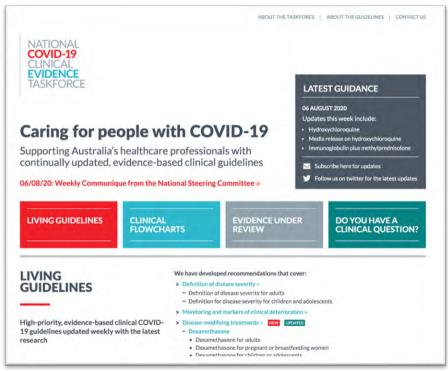
In development



- Management flowcharts for child and adolescent care
- Drug treatments decision tool for adults in hospital with COVID-19
- Updates to several flowcharts:
 - Care of older people
 - Palliative Care
 - Post-COVID-19

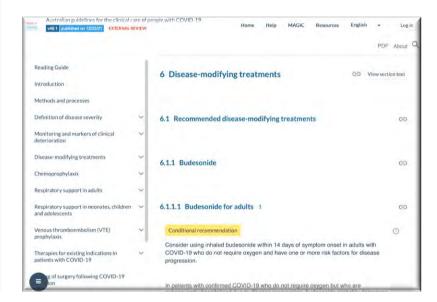
Living guidelines: covid19evidence.net.au







Living guidelines on MAGICapp



Questions

Please put your questions into the chat

Perspectives of Primary Care on COVID+ Pathways

Marita Sealey, Executive General Manager (Primary and Aged Care Service Innovation)

Jessica Mayorga-Cerna, Practice Nurse Manager, Cranbourne GPRC

Dr. Virginia Hamilton, GP, Monash GPRC



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Victorian State Funded General Practice Respiratory Clinics

Presented by Marita Sealey

Executive General Manager Primary and Aged Care Service Innovation

South Eastern Melbourne PHN 29 June 2022



An Australian Government Initiative

Victorian State-Funded General Practice Respiratory Clinics (GPRCs)

The Victorian government and Victorian primary health networks are collaborating to support more Victorians to access respiratory assessments and COVID-19 care close to where they live

Purpose of GPRCs

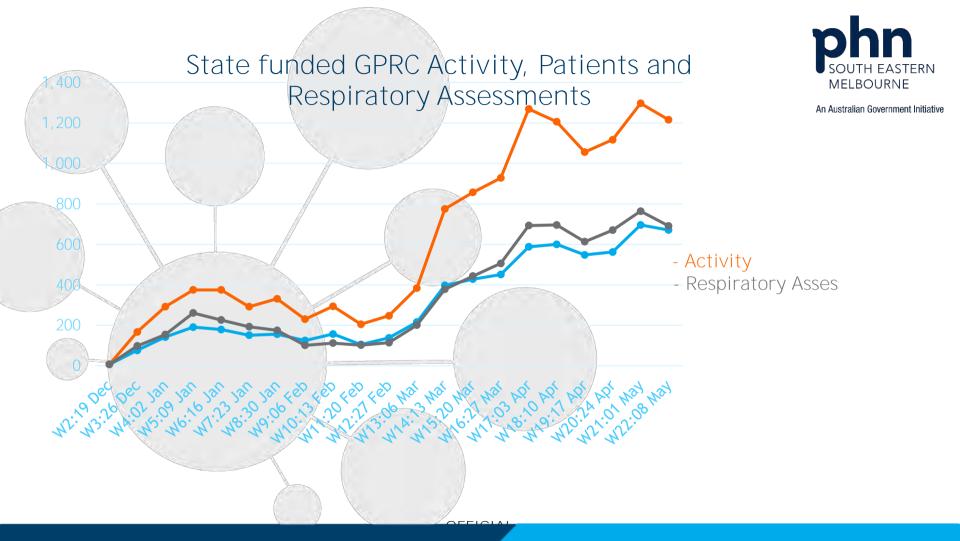
Who they are for

- People with mild respiratory symptoms
- Supporting people of all ages, children and adults



Why they are beneficial

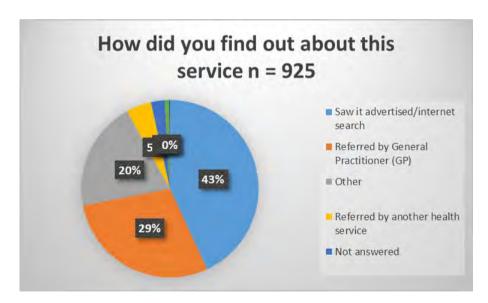
- Provide patients with access to assessment for respiratory symptoms, testing and early treatment.
- Provide face to face appointments if a person's regular GP is not able to see them
- Are open after hours and on the weekends
- GPRCs provide information back to the patients regular GP
- Provide services to people with and without a Medicare Card, with no out of pocket costs to the patient

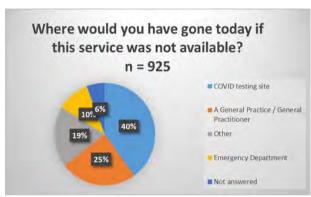


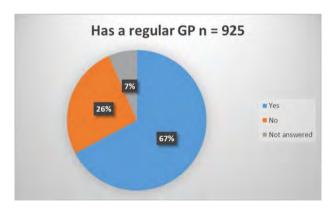


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Patient Survey Data



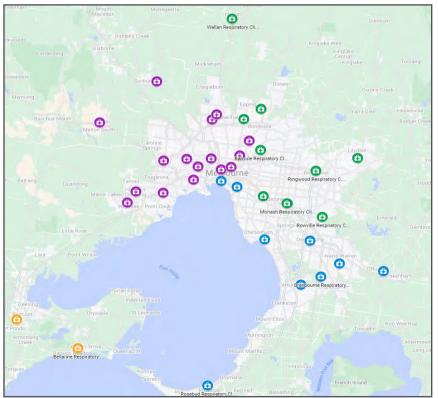




GPRC Location Map (State and Commonwealth funded Clinics)



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For more information on GPRCs in each PHN region, visit the following websites:

- Eastern Melbourne PHN
- Gippsland PHN
- Murray PHN
- North Western Melbourne PHN
- South Eastern Melbourne PHN
- Western Victoria PHN



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How to access a GPRC

- Self-referral (most common)
- Referral from the patients regular GP
- Referral from other health services

--Department of Health website: https://www.health.vic.gov.au/covid-19/gp-respiratory-clinics-and-hospital-respiratory-clinics-covid-19

Current Communications

- GP eblasts, social media and tons of posters are available
- Comms Campaign
 - Working with hospital and health services comms teams to:
 - GPRCs promoted via Website
 - Distribution of marketing material
 - Advertise to staff
 - Link with Public Health Units
- GPRC Comms Pack
- https://vtphna.org.au/our-work/best-practice-prevention-management-and-support/gp-respiratory-clinics/

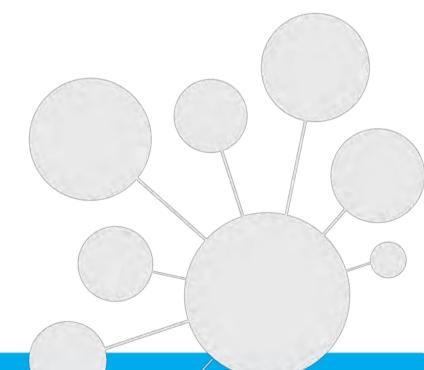
Cough, sore throat, COVID or flu?





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Thank you





OUR MEDICAL CRANBOURNE RESPIRATORY

CLINIC

Leia Sharp (Practice Manager) & Jessica Mayorga-Cerna (Registered Nurse/Team Leader)

29th June 2022



Where it all began



In early December 2021 we started seeing patients in our Respiratory Clinic. We started in our Physio space, whilst the works were being done.







Clinical care model



- Open 7 days, extended hours:
 - 7.00am to 10.00pm Mon to Fri. 8.00am to 10.00pm - Sat & Sun 8.00am to 8.00pm - Public Holidays.
- Patients seen presenting with all URTI symptoms, not only Covid+
- Accept referrals from clinics in the surrounding areas and outer suburbs.
- Nurse to triage patients and GP rostered on all opening hours







Clinical care model cont.



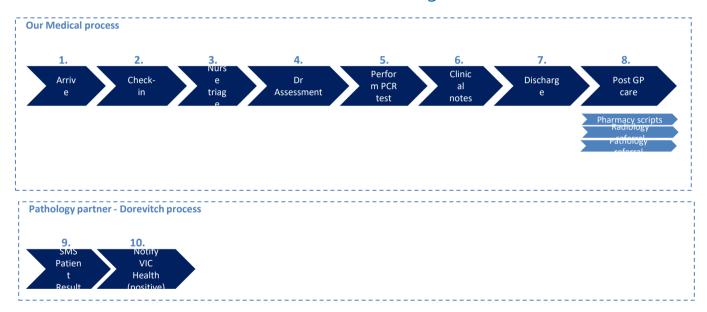
- Patients will be bulk billed under Medicare or seen at no cost to the patient if they do not have Medicare.
- The clinic offers Covid, Respiratory Virus PCR's and Rapid antigen testing
- Consultation summary and results can be sent to referring GP
- Appointment booking service, walk-in service available
- No contact check in







GPRC Cranbourne: Patient Journey



How it has Evolved



- Bigger space in new building allowing us to deal with more patient demand
- Capacity to facilitate two GP's
- Respiratory Virus PCR's and Rapid antigen testing
- We are now seeing more patients with URTI Symptoms and allowing us to provide treatment in the GPRC

Resources available in the clinic



- PPE signs interpreted for all languages.
- Asymptomatic waiting area and consult rooms for symptomatic patients.
- Consults rooms are equipped with their own bed and waiting chairs, BP machines, pulse oximeters, infrared thermometer and stethoscopes
- Separate room for Doctors to doff PPE before entering their notes, printing scripts etc, that Patients do not enter
- Biohazard bin pickup twice weekly

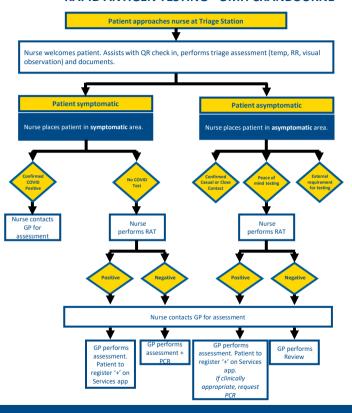








RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING - OMH CRANBOURNE



Please note: RAT are not to be handed out to patients to perform at home.

Patients are to be encouraged to return to the clinic for assessment if they would like a bulk-billed RAT.

Post discharged: Nurse to send Automed message with RAT result.

Allied services



- Cranbourne Community Pharmacy
 - Offers no contact pickups/deliveries
 - Antiviral medication available
- Marina Radiology
- Dorevitch Pathology Who offers 3 collections per day







GPRC – A GP Perspective

Dr Virginia Hamilton Monash GP Respiratory Clinic









Questions

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Get in contact

- Please complete our poll questions that will appear on your screen or in the chat
- These webinars are now scheduled on a monthly basis with registration for attendance now through Eventbrite.
- To receive Eventbrite links to register for future webinars email us: centresofclinicalexcellence@safercare.vic.gov.au
- If you have specific questions relating to the COVID+ Pathways please email the Department of Health at covid+pathways@health.vic.gov.au

Resources

- Learning Network webinar recordings and slides
- COVID Clinical Shared Resources SharePoint page Secure site for sharing, with permission, health service developed COVID-19 resources.
 - To register for access and to share resources contact centresofclinicalexcellence@safercare.vic.gov.au
- Department of Health COVID-19 clinical guidance and resources