

## **Diabetes Case Conferencing in General Practice 2020**

Dr Darshika Christie-David, the Endocrinologist from the Northern Beaches Health Service (NBHS) Diabetes Clinic is providing Diabetes Case Conferencing to GPs. This will give you access to an Endocrinologist in your practice with the aim of addressing diabetes related clinical questions, provide learning opportunities and increase confidence in managing type 2 diabetes. The Endocrinologist will be accompanied by the Diabetes Educator to discuss multiple patients with diabetes attending your practice. Multidisciplinary case conferencing provides access to billing for MBS Item number **735** per patient, for a maximum of six patients discussed per 90 minute session.

The available sessions are on **Fridays**:

- 9:30-11:00 am
- 12:00-1.30 pm
- 2:30- 4:00 pm

**Prior to the Case Conference, the GP must:**

1. Explain to the patient the nature of a multidisciplinary case conference, ask the patient for their agreement to the conference taking place and record the patient's agreement to the conference.
2. Provide a current letter for Dr Darshika Christie-David, and be prepared to discuss information regarding the patient including:
  - Diabetes duration and past diabetes management
  - Other medical problems
  - Current medications
  - Complications of diabetes
  - Most recent blood tests
  - Management queries

*Following the Case Conference*, a summary of the discussion will be sent to the GP including details of the day and time at which the conference was held, the name of participants and the outcomes (as per MBS Item 735).

The GP must discuss the outcomes of the conference with the patient, offer the patient a summary of the conference, provide this summary to other team members, and keep a copy of all matters discussed and identified by the case conferencing team for the patient's medical records (as per MBS Item 735).

**To make an appointment:**

Please complete the EOI and return to Sandra Collins: [scollins@snhn.org.au](mailto:scollins@snhn.org.au)

## Medicare Benefits Schedule

### Case Conferences

#### **MULTIDISCIPLINARY CASE CONFERENCE - MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (OTHER THAN A SPECIALIST OR CONSULTANT PHYSICIAN)**

*Item no 735, for a case conference lasting at least 15 minutes and less than 20 minutes, has a fee of \$71.80*

These services are for patients who:

- (a) have at least one medical condition that:
  - i. has been (or is likely to be) present for at least six months; or
  - ii. is terminal; and
- (b) require ongoing care from a multidisciplinary case conference team which includes:
  - i. a medical practitioner; and
  - ii. at least two other members, each of whom provides a different kind of care or service to the patient and is not a family carer of the patient, and one of whom may be another medical practitioner.

For the purposes of items 735-758, a multidisciplinary case conference is a process by which a multidisciplinary case conference team:

- (a) discusses a patient's history; and
- (b) identifies the patient's multidisciplinary care needs; and
- (c) identifies outcomes to be achieved by members of the case conference team giving care and service to the patient; and
- (d) identifies tasks that need to be undertaken to achieve these outcomes, and allocates those tasks to members of the case conference team; and
- (e) assesses whether previously identified outcomes (if any) have been achieved.

Participation in a multidisciplinary case conference must be at the request of the person who organises and coordinates the conference.