

What is HealthPathways?

HealthPathways is a free, peer-reviewed local health information website, designed to support GPs, practice nurses, and hospital and primary care clinicians in the community with:

- service navigation
- condition management
- referral to other services
- reference materials and patient resources.

If you are not registered, please contact us on HealthPathways@snhn.org.au to request a username and password.

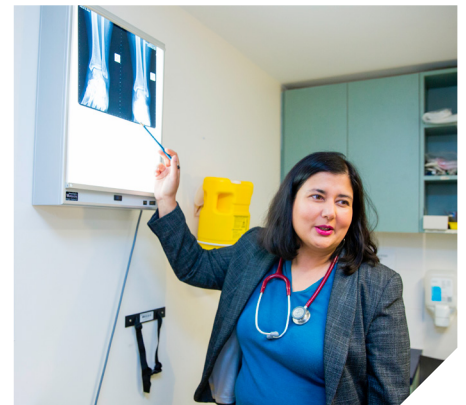
The aim is to improve patient access to the right care, in the right place, at the right time, and to better integrate primary and specialist systems of care.

New HealthPathways are constantly under development and existing HealthPathways are regularly reviewed in light of changing evidence, technology, and local circumstances.

Sydney North HealthPathways is a collaboration between the Sydney North Health Network (SNHN) and the Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD).

How will HealthPathways make my day-to-day practice easier?

- **Concise peer-reviewed information on condition management and service navigation** allows you to better manage your patients in the community.
- **Localised guidance** helps you quickly follow referral pathways that are relevant to your patient.
- **An intuitive layout and hovering search bar** mean you can quickly and easily find information to help your patient (from a computer, smartphone or tablet).
- **HealthPathways will assist you to help your patient access the right care**, in the right place, at the right time.



How are HealthPathways developed?

Broad topic areas (workstreams), informed by the SNHN local needs assessment, are identified for pathway development. Each workstream contains a number of HealthPathways. Current workstreams include:

- Aboriginal Health
- Aged Care
- Cancer
- Child, Youth, and Family Health/Paediatrics
- Dementia/Cognitive Impairment
- Diabetes
- Gastroenterology
- Hospital in the Home
- Mental Health/Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Musculoskeletal
- Palliative Care
- Pregnancy/Shared Antenatal Care
- Respiratory
- Sexual Health
- Surgery
- Wound Care.

GP Clinical Editors, led by a local GP Clinical Lead, research and write the HealthPathways based on contemporary clinical guidelines. Hospital specialists and allied health practitioners are consulted where appropriate to inform alignment of condition management, referral from primary care into hospital services, and discharge back to primary care.

How can HealthPathways enhance local healthcare systems in the long term?

HealthPathways in conjunction with other service delivery initiatives can result in:

- increased usage of undersubscribed and unknown local services
- reduction in inappropriate referrals to services
- unified local response to new treatments and health issues, e.g. COVID-19
- a decrease in emergency attendances.



If you are a GP or other Health Professional you can access HealthPathways at sydneynorth.communityhealthpathways.org.



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