

PRACTICE NURSE NETWORK TERMS OF REFERENCE

Background

The practice nurse network forms part of a broader practice support program, which aims to facilitate and support a broad range of practice support initiatives. With the ever increasing GP workforce shortages, it is becoming more evident of the important role that nurses can and do play in supporting general practice. A skilled nursing workforce within general practice is essential in maintaining quality general practice services responsive to the needs of our local community

The TDGP practice nurse network held its first meeting in December 2001. All nurses are welcome to attend. This is a good opportunity to catch up with other nurses and to discuss what is happening in other practices. Whilst the forum is primarily for nurses working in general practice, nurses with an interest in general practice issues are also invited to attend (Eg Child Health, TPHU, RFDS, RAAF GMO, CH).

The aim of the network

- To support and promote nurses in general practice

Specific objectives

- Provide a forum where ideas can be shared and problems discussed.
- Reduce isolation for nurses in general practice
- Provide and stimulate ongoing education
- Enhance professional development

Frequency of meetings/events

- Meetings/events will be held with a minimum of 5 events per year

Membership

- All General Practice nurses
- Any nurse with an interest in general practice issues or who can contribute general practice knowledge/links

Format / standard agenda items

- Guest speaker or practice nurse provides information on a topic pertinent to general practice nursing
- Immunisation update
- Discussion of local issues/ events
- Update of up and coming conferences, workshops, and educational and professional issues.
- Assessment of practice nurse needs and planning for ongoing education and support.
- Outcomes circulated to all members where applicable

Responsibilities for PSO

- Organise speaker
- Set agenda and disseminate
- Record outcomes and disseminate where applicable

- Provide all members with a copy of recent articles, updates etc either at the meeting or by post/email with the outcomes after the meeting to those who could not attend