

Coordinated Care Project Summary and Updates

Building relationship initiatives

One of the key aims of the NEMICS coordinated cancer care strategy is 'building relationships'. This relates to greater engagement with Medicare Locals, Primary Care Partnerships and other primary care agencies.

Title: Primary care engagement

Background:

In 2011 and as part of the federal government's National Health Reform agenda, a network of Medicare Locals was established. Medicare Locals are working with GPs and other primary health care providers to ensure all Australians, regardless of where they live, can access effective primary health care services.

The NEMICS region interfaces with 3 Medicare Locals:

Medicare Local	Affiliated NEMICS region health service:
Inner East Melbourne	Eastern Health (Angliss/Maroondah/Healesville/Wantirna/Yarra Ranges)
Northern Melbourne	Austin Health (Austin & Repat hospitals) Northern Health Mercy Hospital for Women (<i>Heidelberg</i>)
Outer East Melbourne	Eastern Health (Box Hill Hospital/Peter James Centre) Austin Health (Royal Talbot campus)

What have we done/doing?

Over the past year, NEMICS directorate have linked with the above Medicare Locals both formally and informally via the following:

- becoming registered members of the Medicare Locals
- attending networking and education sessions
- participating in needs' assessments
- exchanging information and discussing collaborative opportunities

Outcomes/progress:

NEMICS will continue to explore further extension of joint project work with the Medicare Locals and other primary care partners.