
Breakfast sessions

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Priority driven research—the quiet achiever in the PHC RED Strategy. An update on the process and progress

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This breakfast session will outline the process at arriving at the specific questions for the priority driven research. An update will be given on how close are the finalisation of the final questions from which proposals will be sort. There has been positive interaction between the Commonwealth, NHMRC and the primary care research community and this will be discussed and outlined. Suggestions will be sought on how to improve this process and how to foster more funding and support in this area. This breakfast will be an ideal opportunity to provide constructive advice to the NHMRC (via the Strategic Research Initiatives Working Group, of which Justin Beilby is a member) and the Commonwealth.

Putting Prevention into Practice Project to revise the RACGP Green Book—interactive forum

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Most GPs undertake some preventive activity but to a lesser degree than evidence suggests they should. A wealth of evidence also looks at the barriers — why prevention isn't being done.

In developing the second edition of the Green Book, we recognise that the context for preventive activities has changed significantly since the first edition (1998), in terms of mechanisms for incentive payments, increased focus on population health issues and increasing evidence of a valuable role for IT systems and practice nurses to enhance prevention.

The second edition will address the need and necessary steps to assist practices in making a paradigm shift to a population oriented approach with holistic, systematic implementation of prevention, through the identification of strategies in the three key domains identified below. The rationale for having a particular framework for implementation that facilitates practices in developing preventive strategies will be discussed.

We expect to have a draft of the second edition available for the workshop and wish to use an interactive forum to:

- seek your input into the process of development in the form of content and the acceptability of the Green book 'package' being presented
- hear about GP and Division case studies in effective implementation
- get your input into what works and what doesn't work in providing systematic preventive care.