**Presentation title: HealthPathways - Professional Development in Practice;**

Maximising the opportunity provided by the rollout of HealthPathways to establish ongoing Professional Development and Training opportunities for all Primary Care Providers. This Presentation outlines the potential for establishment of Training and Professional Development via HealthPathways. The Darling Downs and Mackay HealthPathways team propose the adoption of HealthPathways on a broader scale for Medical Practitioners and other health professionals to use as evidence for continuing professional development (CPD).

**Abstract** (max. 300 words):

**Introduction:**

Audit, self-education and professional development in the context of General Practice and diverse primary care settings can be challenging. This is compounded when integrating registrar training into busy clinical practice.

Initially rolled out in Canterbury, New Zealand, HealthPathways has expanded to 22 “live sites” in Australia. Referencing HealthPathways, “Each health jurisdiction tailors the content of HealthPathways to reflect local arrangements and opinion, and deploys their own instance of HealthPathways to their clinical community”.1

Darling Downs and Mackay HealthPathways have identified opportunities to undertake professional development by incorporating HealthPathways into practice.

**Method:**

Ability to localise service delivery and critically appraise localised pathways providing inter-professional Primary Care services;

1. Recognise topics (HealthPathways) for professional development

2. Respond utilising literature or medical education modules, and

3. Reflect on learning while providing,

4. Recommendations on reference HealthPathways

Practice Reflective Professional Development comprises Clinical Audit, Structured Learning Activities, Distance-based education modules with substantial pre-and post-activity and Theory Practice with substantial pre- and post-activity.2

Mackay HealthPathways went live in June 2015. CPD is incorporated into education, clinical editing and review of pathways. To date CPD has been mainly captured by self-reporting for HealthPathways work. CPD more closely linked to General Practice and integrated into standards of care promotes ownership and use of HealthPathways.

HealthPathways provides a one-stop shop for clinical advice on management and assessment of a clinical condition and a directory of local healthcare resources.

**Outcomes:**

* Clinicians involved in pathway development/review self-report CPD
* PHN Workgroup Education
* Induction and Orientation Education
* Monthly HealthPathway Showcase – HealthPathways pre-reading - CPD allocation
* Mobile device integration
* HealthPathway evaluation
* Integrated Education Calendar
* Education uploaded to Mackay HealthPathways

Planned Activities

* Webinars uploaded to Mackay HealthPathways
* Clinical small group Quality Improvement – Pathway Editing and Review

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