**Abstract**

**Successfully implementing a diabetic retinopathy screening (DR) service in general practice: What does the evidence tell us?**

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Background: We previously showed that general-practice based screening for diabetic retinopathy (DR) significantly improves recording of screening outcomes and follow-up for Australians with type 2 diabetes. In 2016, two Medicare Benefits Schedule item numbers were launched to support screening in general practice. However, there is little evidence-based information to guide practices in successfully implementing DR screening models. The objective of this study was to develop an evidence-based framework to guide general-practice based DR.

Methods: Qualitative and observational data were gathered from general practices and staff undertaking successful screening for diabetic retinopathy.

Results: A framework comprising enablers and potential risks were identified as key components of successful DR screening in general practice.