

Expression of Interest (EOI) Fracture Management Project

Eastern Melbourne PHN are undertaking an exciting project between general practice and local hospitals that seeks to reduce the number of patients in outpatient fracture clinics who have simple undisplaced fractures.

1. Do you manage simple undisplaced fractures, and have the following facilities for fracture management in your practice?

- a. X-ray – in house or access to local radiology
- b. Practice nurse
- c. Computer PACS / access to imagery
- d. POP/ polyester casting capacity
- e. Plaster removal equipment (shears, plaster saw)

2. Would you be interested in participating in a project for 12 months involving management of undisplaced fractures?

- If successful, GPs will be provided with approximately 18 hours of remunerated orthopaedic training (RACGP CPD accredited) by participating local hospital orthopaedic clinicians in outpatient clinics.

3. Would you accept direct referrals from emergency department for the management and treatment of simple fractures? (We anticipate fewer than 10 referrals per week).

The project aims to reduce the number of patients with simple undisplaced fractures seen in outpatient fracture clinic by reducing referrals from the emergency department. To do this, emergency departments will transfer the care to nominated project GPs.

If you can answer yes to the above questions, Eastern Melbourne PHN are seeking your interest in participating in this project.

- As well as the 18 hours of remunerated orthopaedic training, successful GPs will be provided with approximately 16 hours of lectures through the duration of the 12 month project.
- Successful GPs will be required to enter into an agreement with local hospitals for the duration of the 12 month project.
- It is anticipated that the management and treatment would be covered by the practice entirely through appropriate MBS item numbers.

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Patients referred to successful GPs will be referred for fracture management only and will sign an agreement to that effect.