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Connect general practice and we find a solution to diabetes

Queensland Health has allocated over $900,000 to GPQ to fund the delivery of training workshops to support best practice management of diabetes and to provide a comprehensive web-based directory of information on local diabetes services easily accessible for users to improve patient referral pathways.

General Practice Queensland (GPQ) Board Director, Dr John Kastrissios, said, both these new initiatives recognise that general practice is fundamental in helping to shift the way diabetes care is managed.

“Both initiatives support general practice and patients by providing both improved education and information,” Dr John Kastrissios said.

“These initiatives are fundamental in their aim to respond not only to the growth in the number of patients developing diabetes, but the growth in patients requiring more complex and diverse care in our communities”, he said.

GPQ will develop the training schedule, bringing together general practitioners, practice staff and key health and community service providers in a joint learning setting.

Dr Kastrissios, said, approximately 30 inter-professional learning workshops will be scheduled across Queensland over two years.

“Expanding the statewide Health Care Directory to include local diabetes services will improve patient referral pathways. The Directory will be available and accessible by all general practices, allied health professionals and specialists and staff of Queensland Health”, he said.

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