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GPs opt for cdmNet to advance e-health services and capabilities

From today, Australian general practitioners (GPs) will have easier access to some of the most advanced internet and mobile technologies to help them manage one of the country's greatest healthcare challenges, treating chronic disease.

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners' (RACGP) new business enterprise, RACGP Oxygen, announced today that it has selected Precedence Health Care's cdmNet, a web-based service, as an application for GPs to manage chronically ill patients.

RACGP Oxygen's Chief Executive Officer Mr Mark Donato says cdmNet is one of a number of applications that are offered under the umbrella of RACGP Oxygen, which brings together e-health initiatives for general practice.

"The organisation provides resources and tools to support general practice by delivering significant improvements in managing the health of Australians.

"Chronic care is a hugely time-consuming aspect of most GP practices. Our assessment of cdmNet is that it will make it easier for GPs to collaborate with other members of a care team and with the patient.

"Within a secure network, all paperwork and administration associated with tracking and reporting are eliminated, freeing up time for GPs to spend with patients.

"Delivered through the PrimaryCare Sidebar®, cdmNet is easily accessible to GPs and integrated with the suite of applications that assist in the enhancement of patient outcomes and practitioner workflows," says Mr Donato.

Precedence Health Care CEO, Professor Michael Georgeff, says he's delighted to be working with RACGP Oxygen.

"Using cdmNet, we have been able to transform the care of chronically ill people.

"Independent university analysis of cdmNet has shown that GPs can halve the time they spend on chronic disease management. Collaboration and follow up was increased between three- and five-fold, leading to better quality of care."

cdmNet is a world-first web service for managing chronic disease and can be accessed anywhere and anytime via the internet and mobile services.

“Unlike conventional care, chronically ill people need to be assisted by a team of care providers, including their regular doctor, dieticians, podiatrists, specialists, pharmacists and their care has to be continuously monitored and reviewed.

“What we found is that the sheer number of interactions required of the care team and the overhead of paper-based health records was a huge burden on doctors, so much so that it discouraged planned care.

“cdmNet was designed to eliminate this complexity.

“We’re extremely pleased that RACGP Oxygen, which has realised for some time that the future of high quality, safe and efficient patient care depends on the information revolution, is working with cdmNet to help GPs manage chronically-ill patients,” Professor Georgeff says.

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