

# Mind the Gap project

## Overview

The Australian General Practice Network (AGPN) has received funding from the Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop and implement a six hour physical and mental health co morbidities education and training package. The training package is being rolled out nationally through general practice networks between October 2011 and March 2012.

The six hour workshop will involve an interactive, structured learning format with predisposing and reinforcing elements. It is structured in a flexible delivery format which can be facilitated over three sessions, or in a single day. The target audience for the package includes general practitioners, practice nurses, and other primary health care professionals involved in the multidisciplinary team managing patients with mental and physical health co-morbidities.

## Accreditation

The education and training package has been accredited for RACGP QI&CPD, ACRRM PDP and General Practice Mental Health Standards Collaboration Mental Health Skills Training. Endorsement from the Royal College of Nursing Australia (RCNA) and Australian Practice Nurse Association (APNA) is currently being finalised.

The six hour education content was guided by the advice and expertise of an interdisciplinary project advisory group with representatives from CM Consulting (Health Education experts), Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Australian Practice Nurses Association, Australian Psychological Society, Allied Health Professional Australia, Diabetes Australia, Beyond Blue, Alzheimer's Australia, Consumers Health Forum, Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS), as well as a mental health carer and consumer rep.

## Important Dates

GP Links Wide Bay will be facilitating two Mind the Gap workshops in the Wide Bay area.

### **Workshop 1.**

Venue: GP Links Wide Bay (Bundaberg) Office  
First floor, 6 Barolin St.  
Bundaberg.  
Date: *To be advised*

### **Workshop 2.**

Venue: Headspace (Maryborough)  
166 Bazaar St.  
Maryborough.  
Date: *To be advised*

For more information on the Mind the Gap initiative, click [here](#).