

# A pathway to better health outcomes

*New GP portal to be launched by Murray Primary Health Network*

GPs and other health professionals in central and northern Victoria now have access to a free, web-based portal with information on best practice health care plus local specialist and hospital referral pathways.

[Murray HealthPathways](#), which aims to improve the quality of patient care across the region stores extensive, updated health information and referral pathways that will help coordinate better access to primary health, closer to people's homes. By improving the standards of care and minimising variations in treatment, HealthPathways will also help reduce unnecessary hospital visits – estimated at more than 71,000 bed days each year across the [Murray PHN](#) region.

Fifty six local pathways have been developed in partnership with regional hospitals, GPs, community health services, allied health professionals and specialists, based on population health and local needs. Major hospital partners include Albury Wodonga Health, Bendigo Health Care Group, Goulburn Valley Health, Mildura Base Hospital, and Northeast Health Wangaratta,

Eighty seven health professionals have taken part in nine clinical working groups, with another 80+ pathways now in development. Work will continue to build an estimated 900 clinical and resource pathways, with clinicians being encouraged to suggest new pathways or feedback for regular reviews.

Murray PHN CEO Matt Jones described HealthPathways as a major, ongoing commitment to clinicians in the Murray PHN catchment. "Murray HealthPathways gives us a tangible way to address the fragmentation of our health systems," he said. "By bringing the health sectors together, we hope to strengthen the collaborative relationships between our organisations and work towards a more 'connected' system that improves patient outcomes."

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