



CANNING
DIVISION
OF GENERAL PRACTICE LTD

Why not let the Division help you with HOME HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

Do you have a number of patients 75 years of age or over, or Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander patients 55 years and over who would benefit from a Health Assessment (MBS items 702 and 706)?

Did you know that Registered Nurses at the Division can conduct this service for your patients in their own home for a fee of **\$80 + GST** (from 1 January 2010) and the referring GP can claim **\$253.30** from Medicare once the assessment is completed?

If you are interested in referring any eligible patients to us for this service please find the relevant booking form on our website www.canningdivision.com.au in the Practice Support section under Home Health Assessments or contact Carolyn Green at the Division on **☎ 08 9458 0505** or at practicesupport@canningdivision.com.au.

When you submit the booking form to us you will also need to provide the Division with the patient's current medication list and a health summary and have obtained the patient's consent to undertake the assessment. Naturally, confidentiality regarding your patient's information is maintained at all times.

Your booking form and patient information can be faxed to us on 08 9458 8733. Once we receive your referral our staff will contact your patient direct to organise a convenient time for them to undertake the assessment. Once the assessment is completed our staff contact your practice while still with the patient and book an appointment for them to attend your practice to complete the assessment with the referring GP. The Registered Nurse who conducted the assessment will then forward the report along with the patient's health summary and medication list to your practice by mail in time for the patient's follow-up appointment.

We look forward to being of service to your GPs and patients.



What is the purpose of a Home Health Assessment?

Annual, voluntary Home Health Assessments provide general practitioners with an opportunity to undertake an in-depth assessment of their older patients' health covering the

patient's medical, physical, psychological and social function. They provide a structured way for identifying problems and conditions that are potentially preventable or amenable to interventions in order to improve quality of life.

What are the main components of a Home Health Assessment?

- A **medical component**, including blood pressure, medication and immunisation status
- A **physical component**, including activities of daily living
- A **psychological component**, including cognition and mood
- A **social component** including adequacy of social support, carers and formal help arrangements

The assessment also examines:

- Number of falls
- Incontinence
- Medication review
- The need for community services
- Social isolation
- Oral health and dentition
- Nutrition status

If you have any queries regarding this service please contact Carolyn Green at the Division on 📞 **9458 0505**.