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#### Health Networks: Together we can deliver a healthy WA

**connect** with other health professionals, policy makers and consumers through events and groups, to focus on patient centred care

**share** your expertise and experience by contributing to statewide health policy

**improve** the health system and outcomes by integrating services across primary, community and hospital services

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[Introduction from Dr Simon Towler](#) There is no denying that these are challenging times. The global financial downturn is having its effect in Western Australia, as it is around the world. If we are to meet the challenge, we are going to need to think and act differently – in a major way. We need to see innovation in WA Health on an unprecedented scale. [More](#)

[Model of Care Implementation](#) Many people are getting involved in translating models of care into practical changes in how healthcare is delivered. [More](#)

[eHealthWA – connecting people and information](#) The eHealthWA Program is the electronic collection, management, use, storage and sharing of healthcare information. [More](#)

[National Networks Conference 2010](#) The first Australian Clinical/Health Networks Conference is to be held in Melbourne on 17-19 March 2010. The conference will bring together Clinical/Health Networks from across Australia and internationally to provide an opportunity to share and promote ideas on Clinical/Health Networks. [More](#)

[Web links of interest](#)—Revitalising WA Country Health Service; abstracts submitted for the 2009 WA Health Symposium

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**Network Activities**— Click on the respective Network's heading to read their full update

[Acute Care Health Network](#) This Network is progressing a number of projects including the non-tertiary advanced acute care project to enable regional health services to connect with metropolitan services. [More](#)

[Aged Care Health Network](#) The Government of Western Australia initiative, the Friend in Need Emergency (FINE) Scheme is improving care for people with chronic health conditions and the frail aged. [More](#)

[Cancer and Palliative Care Health Network](#) The Liverpool Care Pathway for the dying patient was developed by the Marie Curie Palliative Care Institute and is recognised internationally as a guide to best practice care in the last few days and hours of life. [More](#)

[Cardiovascular Health Network](#) Cardiologists and emergency department physicians from the tertiary hospitals are collaborating on a project with St John Ambulance to train ambulance personnel carrying out 12 lead electrocardiograms (ECG) pre-hospital on people with chest pain. [More](#)

[WA Child and Youth Health Network](#) The Network has distributed the draft Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Model of Care for consultation and feedback. [More](#)

[Diabetes and Endocrine Health Network](#) The redeveloped WA Health Diabetes website is now live—[www.diabetes.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.diabetes.health.wa.gov.au). [More](#)

[Digestive Health Network](#) The Network is working with a number of interested groups to develop a standardised guideline driven electronic form to guide GPs through the referral process for colonoscopies to meet a key recommendation of the Colonoscopy Model of Care. [More](#)

[Falls Prevention Health Network](#) WA's own Stay On Your Feet Program® has generated significant international interest and user approval has been granted to a number of organisations in Canada and the US. [More](#)

[Genetics Health Network](#) The Genetics Health Network aims to translate research in genetics and hereditary disease into health improvements for Western Australians. [More](#)

[Infections and Immunology](#) The Network partnered with the Fremantle GP Network and Kimberley WA Country Health Service to develop and pilot a free clinical advisory service. [More](#)

[Injury and Trauma Health Network](#) Two projects are underway that are aimed at sharing data within WA Health and amongst organisations. The first project aims to connect all trauma registries within WA hospitals and the second will aim to share information between WA Health, WorkCover, The Royal Flying Doctor Service and St John Ambulance. [More](#)

[Musculoskeletal Health Network](#) The Musculoskeletal Health Network is facilitating implementation of the Inflammatory Arthritis Model of Care through partnerships with Western Australian health services and organisations. [More](#)

[Neurosciences and the Senses Health Network](#) The Network organised a forum to allow Neurologists and Neurosurgeons opportunity to discuss their clinical requirements from Information and Communication Technology system as part of the eHealthWA strategy. [More](#)

[Primary Care Health Network](#) The Network is actively involved in a number of projects including development of a Primary Health Care Strategy for Western Australia. [More](#)

[Renal Health Network](#) The Network has initiated a statewide project, led by Royal Perth Hospital, to improve haemodialysis care for Western Australians with kidney failure. [More](#)

[Respiratory Health Network](#) An update on the Australian Better Health Initiative funded Nicotine Addiction Treatment Project is available as well as details on the revamp of the resources for the Smoke Free WA Health which was launched in 2008.. [More](#)

[Women's and Newborns Health Network](#) The Network has helped develop a package of materials to support the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative and is also developing an online maternity information directory. [More](#)