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Happy February to all. I usually try to get this newsletter out on the 1st of the month, but as I may have mentioned previously, January was a *really* busy month. Around the state, I'm told 50 registrars commenced placements along with the usual January interns. For me that translated to 27 training sessions (remote or on-site) between 13/1 and 31/1, with further high demand in early February.

This all meant, much like a midget in front of a urinal, I had to stay on my toes. (*I know, I know*) Additionally, I wasn't able to attend any *invasion day* rallies this year *and* if that wasn't enough, this newsletter is being done in a bit of a rush. Hopefully I won't make any silly mistakes or inadvertently offend anyone.

The RSV vaccine for pregnant women (between 28-36 weeks gestation) has been a bit of a topic as of late. BP users should remember that they can access a list of pregnant patients and their gestation stage from the main screen under the *Clinical* menu. Sadly this list can't be exported to another format, so it's either look at it or print it really. MD users can access something similar from the main screen under the *Search* menu.

Of course what would be handy would be if the clinical software generated a reminder prompt for the vaccine when seeing an eligible patient. Unfortunately this is not currently the case, so any prompt would have to be manually created by the practice on an individual basis, probably using the *Action* feature. IF for example the [Primary Sense](#) people had the same agility that say [HotDoc](#) displayed during the pandemic, they might add an RSV prompt to their prompt list. This would actually run the risk of being well received by clinicians, as opposed to some of the existing prompts that duplicate what the clinical software already provides.

BP

BP are on the verge of releasing their minor update to Spectra, labelled as SP1. This update primarily covers a slight change in compulsory upload information to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR), apparently due to come into effect on March 1st. There is information [here](#) including a workaround if you haven't installed the update by this date. At this stage I have seen no MD announcement on this issue.

e-referral

I mentioned last month that Healthlink were going to start charging General Practice for using their product (not unreasonably I thought, after say 15 years of free usage) It turns out that this caused a bit of a stir with practices who didn't like the pricing model being offered. Healthlink have now announced a pause in this process and are working with, I presume GP representatives to come up with a different model. Watch this space.

With regards to THS referrals I had mentioned in an [earlier issue](#) the steps required when the hospital clinic requests a referral be updated with more information. I have also mentioned previously that these referrals have different update methods depending on where in the triage process the referral is. See the *Providing Additional Information* link on [this](#) page. Well, it turns out that despite my gold plated advice there were a couple of practices who swore they were unable to update their referrals when needed.

I put the issue to Healthlink whose helpdesk revealed that *there is a setting at the Healthlink end that enables a practice to update referrals* and that for the 2 practices in question this feature was not enabled. It was quickly fixed, but the fact that this was even "a thing" was news to me. I did ask them to check all the other Tasmanian practices, but that didn't appeal to them. Suffice to say, if you can't update a referral and you should be able to, email their [helpdesk](#).

For your address books.

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Dr Junaid Beig	Gastroenterologist & Hepatologist	"	EDI: <i>chctlvcs</i>

***NB I understand the 2 Calvary Specialists currently have no wait times.**

Templates

Templates newly available at my web site [here](#).

Calvary Mental Health Unit Referral (N)

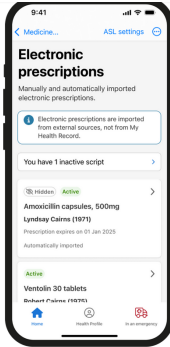
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MyHR

The official MyHR app known as MyHealth can now contain a patient's e-scripts.



I can see this causing a little confusion initially for those patients getting e-scripts and running the app. There may be minor differences between Apple and Android phones and I may even be worrying unnecessarily as there are branded pharmacy apps that store these scripts and have been around for a while. Having said that, there may be issues if you are running 2 apps that can store scripts. You can read the updated information on this [here](#).

Introducing Dr Junaid Beig

Gastroenterologist & Hepatologist
MBBS, FRACP

We are pleased to advise that Dr Junaid Beig will commence private practice at **Calvary Consulting Suites** in December 2024.

Dr Beig, a New Zealand-trained Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist offers private consultations at Calvary Consulting Suites and endoscopic procedures at Calvary Lenah Valley Hospital. With expertise in gastrointestinal and liver conditions, he emphasizes evidence-based, patient-centered care.

Specialising in gastroscopy, colonoscopy, and advanced endoscopic techniques, Dr Beig's areas include:

- ◆ Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (GORD)
- ◆ Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS)
- ◆ Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
- ◆ Coeliac disease
- ◆ Liver disorders

Dr. Beig is a dedicated researcher and published author and is committed to providing personalised, compassionate care at Calvary Hobart.

Dr Beig is happy to see insured or self-funded patients for consultation at the rooms and welcomes telephone consultation from General Practitioners regarding patients, especially the more complex and will expedite their management.

Professional Affiliations:

- ◆ Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians
- ◆ Member, American Gastroenterology Association
- ◆ Member, American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

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Introducing Dr Noha Ferrah

General Surgery
BmedSc/BSc, MD, FRACS

We are pleased to advise that Dr Noha Ferrah will commence private practice at **Montagu House Consulting Suites, Calvary Lenah Valley Hospital** in January 2025 and is currently accepting referrals. Dr Ferrah will also commence regular procedural sessions and General Surgical on-call roster participation at Calvary Lenah Valley Hospital and Calvary St John's Hospital, South Hobart in early 2025.

"I am a General Surgeon with an interest in complex hernias and abdominal wall reconstruction. I obtained my Doctor of Medicine with distinction from the University of Melbourne. I completed my training in General Surgery at the Alfred hospital in Melbourne, as well as at the Royal Hobart Hospital. This is where I formed a connection with Tasmania and its people.

During my training in Melbourne, I was fortunate to work closely with a world expert in abdominal wall reconstruction, and became passionate about complex hernia repair. This includes incisional hernias, recurrent, large and complex hernias, and hernias in unusual locations.

Currently I am also working at the Royal Hobart Hospital where I lead a Complex Hernia service. I also manage the full range of common conditions in General Surgery.

Alongside my clinical work, I am currently completing my PhD in Surgery at Monash University. On the weekend I enjoy trail-running and all the beautiful natural landscapes Tasmania has to offer. As a French national, I am still awed by Australia's uniqueness and beauty.

I am looking forward to being part of the Calvary community. If I can be of any help, please contact me on the phone number or email below."

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Centre for Neurosurgery – Carolyn Baker – Clinical Psychologist

The Centre for Neurosurgery at Calvary, Lenah Valley, is delighted to welcome Carolyn Baker, a clinical psychologist, to our team. Carolyn brings extensive expertise, dedication and compassion, enriching the care we provide to our patients.

Carolyn graduated with a master's in clinical psychology from The University of Tasmania and has been working across public and private health systems for over a decade. She has experience working with multidisciplinary pain management teams and is an AHPRA Board approved supervisor for clinical psychology students and registrars.

Carolyn applies evidence based psychological therapies to support your mental health and assist you develop pain management skills and strategies.

Appointments are available from 14 February 2025. Referrals can be made to:

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