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January 2019 — Newsbrief

Seasons greetings to all, and welcome to what is an extra brief-newsletter. The February edition will be a return to business as usual.

January 31'st is the end of another PiP incentive quarter, please make sure that you don't miss out on the epip (or digital pip) incentive by uploading the required amount of health summaries. January 31'st also see's the end of the opt-out period for MyHrR, although the auto-creation of all those records won't happen until another 4 weeks after that. When it does occur, better than 9 out of 10 of your patients will have a MyHR.

I expect that in January we will see the release of MD 3.18 and also BP Indigo Service pack 1. The July 2018 immunisation changes will feature in this update, and I will review the changes in upcoming newsletters.

I've recently re-aquainted myself with the [PenCS TopBar](#) program, will write on this in the next issue.

BP

There is a fair bit to be excited about with the BP release as they are bringing in far greater SMS capabilities to the program. This is no piecemeal addition either, the SMS feature will be available at any instance where multiple or single patient contact is required. Full configuration and contact logging throughout the reminder and follow-up systems is included. In a nutshell, if you are running BP and are contemplating outsourcing this type of activity to a third party, you may want to review this release before you make your decision.

eReferral

I was hoping to publicise the participation of 2 more specialist groups in eReferral, but unfortunately that conversation went quiet as Christmas approached. There is one new addition though.

New Dr Daniel McCormick Ear, Nose and Throat *ent88hba*

There continues to be ongoing GP interest and specialist participation in this area. November saw 14000 odd messages sent from specialists and around 800 from GPs. Unfortunately these numbers don't include messages sent from MD users, but the numbers are growing all the time. Happily MD and Healthlink resolved their gateway issues in late November and practices that use MD would have seen communications from both companies.

It has been really great to see some individual practice managers and doctors putting the "heat" on specialists to participate in what is a quicker and more secure method of communication. This is a great example of improving a system from within, rather than waiting for an external organisation to change the world for you. My eReferral [listing](#) shows over 120 specialists, and there may be some I am unaware of. This feels like about 60% or more of private specialists, and it would be great if we could boost this in 2019.



All About Wounds is a new consultation service for patients with chronic wounds.

A fee-for-service, Nurse Practitioner clinic, held on Friday afternoons at Mountain Retreat Medical Centre, 430 Macquarie St, South Hobart TAS 7004.

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