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Welcome to the latest newsletter. It's been an exceptionally windy and soggy start to spring, hopefully this edition will retain it's customary dryness.

AI-Scribing continues to be the flavour of the month, (opening up a lead over Rum n' Raisin) Whilst [Lyrebird](#) is semi-integrated with Best Practice, there seems to be a fair bit of love for the cheaper [Heidi](#) product. [mAlscribe](#) is another alternative in this area. In terms of Lyrebird, the integration consists of an icon that calls up the Lyrebird window without having to login to their site as well as the handy pre-population of the patient name, which becomes more useful if you want to temporarily save the consult notes in Lyrebird and generate related documents at a later point. Also when you copy the notes to BP, you are prompted with a dialogue containing any mentioned numeric observations and the option to manually add some. If there are any, these are then entered **in the correct area of the patient record**.

All of these products deliver the bulk of their utility by AI-enhanced scribing of the discussion with the patient and the provision of a "Copy" button to move the notes to whatever clinical product you are using. I know a lot of GPs will be happy with this alone, however some form of integration increases the chance of the *important* information being maintained in the clinical record. As I've said before, my (possibly unfounded) worry is that GPs will slide backwards in the maintenance of the patient record with regards to entering of numeric observations and curating an appropriate Past Medical History for the patient.

Looks like the RACGP share my concern and have a whole bunch of their own. Whilst I think some of their concerns are a little overblown or in fact apply equally to manually typed notes, they have put some information together that is [worth a read](#) in the same way that you would tell the patients to note the side effects of ~~Viagra~~ any drug really. I also think that nailing down a reliable and consistent workflow (*repetition is the mother of genius*) for using the product in conjunction with your clinical software will minimise the chance of mistakes or omissions in documentation.

Overall though, I do feel that AI-Scribing is absolutely going to be a "net-good" for general practice, an idea absolutely reinforced by the fact that many GPs are already running with it with no assistance required.

Not a big one for cross promoting but I notice in the last PHN newsletter reference to some [LGA level Community health factsheets](#). These handy 7 page documents will tell you some useful stuff about your area and could potentially provide either fuel for a targeted clinical QI initiative or even good supporting data for a future grant application. Whilst for some practices, keeping the doors open puts QI firmly in the back seat, this is well presented information.

Practices will be aware of recent changes to the compulsory data required for AIR uploads. I must confess to having some doubts for how certain vaccines were classified, so was happy to see this [fact sheet](#) of tips recently put out by AIR .

September 1st sees a third wave of medications that can be prescribed in 60 day quantities, a fact hopefully reflected in your September data updates. A list of 60 day quantity medications can be found [here](#).

Dr Simran Mangat of [Derwent Eye specialists](#) is looking for new referrals for a Cataract treatment study he is doing, as advised in a letter last month. Grab the [details here](#) if you missed it the first time.

The TRAVEL CLINIC @ GHFP Nurture is open to the public

A Travel Clinic open to the public operates at GHFP Nurture in the Glebe Hill Village shopping centre in Howrah. You, your family members, and your patients, are most welcome to book a Travel Clinic appointment prior to your holidays and adventures!

The Travel Clinic is an accredited Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre and stocks all travel vaccines, including Stamaril (Yellow Fever).

To support continuity of care the clinic makes files inactive for people who aren't existing patients at Glebe Hill Family Practice or GHFP Nurture after their Travel Clinic appointments. GHFP is not accepting new patients for General Practice at either location currently.

Dr Catherine Woolley and Dr Frances Rose are currently operating the Travel Clinic on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and it will expand as demand increases. Bookings are available online from ghfp.com.au under GHFP Nurture online booking link.

Referrals are not required, but if you wish to send any correspondence via Healthlink the ID is [glebehfp](#).

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Templates

The following template is available in the miscellaneous section of my [templates web page](#)

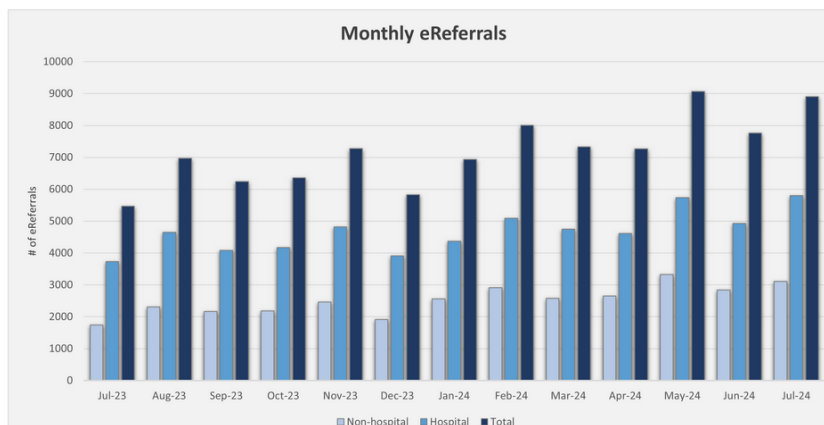
DVA RAP Mobility & Functional Products order form

I have also updated referral forms for Cardiology Tasmania. These are not available at my site but will soon be able to be downloaded from their site [here](#). At the time of writing they were not available, but keep an eye on the web page. The new templates will reflect 2024 in the file name.

I'm informed that DVA no longer requires a form to be completed for the AREXY RSV vaccine. Accordingly, my template for this has been removed. Feel free to delete it if you imported it previously.

E-referral

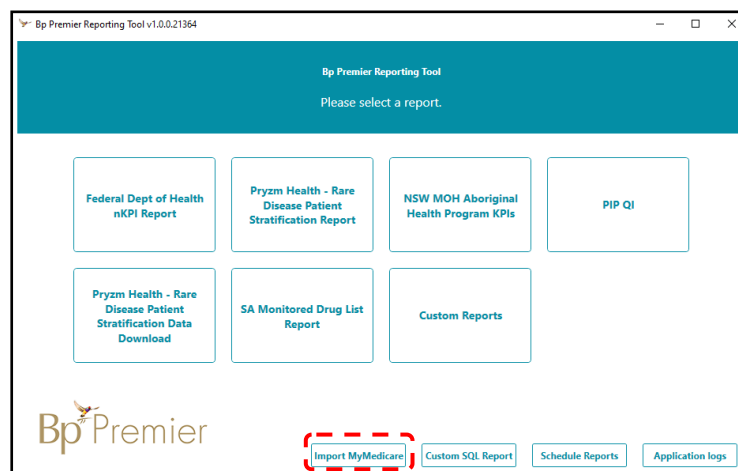
Whilst I generally have a strict policy about not saying two nice things about PHN in the one newsletter, there is no denying that the introduction and uptake of eReferral smartforms continues to be a real success story. It is amply illustrated by the usage graph lifter from the PHT website.



The phrase game-changer is overused, but I think justified in this case. See their [web page](#) for ongoing development timelines as well as a list of all the available clinics.

BP

As has been mentioned previously, the Best Practice Reporting Tool is a utility for importing MyMedicare patient lists from HPOS into your Best Practice software.



Sounds like there were some bugs with the functionality which have apparently been fixed by an update to the tool. If you already have the tool, running it will download and install [the update](#). If you are not already running it, you can download via this [link](#), and read about some of it's other functionality [here](#).