Expression of Interest:

General Practice Post-COVID Recovery Working Group

Queensland Health's COVID-19 System Response Team is seeking expressions of interest for volunteers to join the General Practice Post-COVID Recovery Working Group.

Background:

A wide range of health issues has been reported to persist or occur following the acute phase of infection with COVID-19. These symptoms include variable degrees of fatigue, muscle weakness, cognitive dysfunction, impaired pulmonary function, reduced functional status and a decline in quality of life. This condition is being referred to as 'Post COVID-19 condition' and more commonly as 'Long COVID'.

The WHO has defined <u>'Post COVID-19 condition'</u> in individuals with a history of probable or confirmed COVID-19 infection, three months from the onset of COVID-19 symptoms, with symptoms lasting for at least 2 months, without an alternative diagnostic explanation.

General Practitioners are a primary source of support and guidance for patients as they recover from COVID-19 infection.

Purpose:

The working group will:

- Provide expert advice regarding the clinical profile of patients at 3 months post infection with COVID-19.
- Discuss the tools and resources available to assist General Practitioners with the management of patients recovering from COVID-19 and assist with development or refining of resources, if this is required.
- Understand the existing literature and support evidence-based decisions to guide state-wide consistent management of recovery from COVID-19 infection.
- Determine and define the hospital and health service outpatient referral pathway for the subset of patients who require outpatient review due to complications from COVID-19 infection.
- Identify and escalate issues and risks for General Practitioners to Queensland Health's Long COVID project team.
- Work collaboratively with Queensland Health's Long COVID project team.

Who we are seeking:

The Department of Health is seeking General Practitioners with a diverse clinical background, from across Queensland. We would value applications from the following representatives:

- Rural and remote General Practitioners
- Urban General Practitioners
- General Practitioners with special interest in rehabilitation medicine



- General Practitioners working in an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health service
- General Practice Liaison Officers
- General Practitioners with a current position with RACGP, ACRRM, RDAQ, AMA, PHN, Health Pathways or other relevant primary care network.

Time and location

The working group will meet on one to two occasions on a Wednesday at 7:30am prior to the end of September 2022. Meetings will be via Microsoft Teams and will run approximately 60-90 minutes. There may be out of session feedback sought from the working group if tools or resources are developed by the project team. If out of session feedback is required, this is not expected to exceed 30 minutes of your time. The first meeting will be in early-mid August 2022.

CPD Eligibility

Under RACGP guidelines, working group members are eligible to self-record 2 CPD points per hour.

How to apply

Please complete the EOI table and return it to Matthew Brown (see details below) by COB <u>**2 August 2022**</u>. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew as per the below.

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Expression of Interest – Application Form

Applicant Details	
Name	
Position	
General Practice Name and Location	
Email	
Phone	
Your operating context	□Rural and remote General Practitioner
(select those applicable):	□Urban General Practitioner
	□General Practitioner with special interest in rehabilitation medicine
	☐ General Practitioner working at an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service
	□General Practice Liaison Officer
	General Practitioner with a current position with:
	□RACGP
	□ACRRM
	□RDAQ
	□AMA
	□PHN
	□Health Pathways
	□Other relevant primary care network. Please name:
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