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Improvement Foundation Australia to introduce new topics for Australia Primary Care Collaboratives Program

More people with chronic diseases will benefit from the introduction of two new topics for the Australian Primary Care Collaboratives Program. The new topics, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and Lifestyle and Risk Modification (including Chronic Disease Self-Management) will be introduced to more than 90 General Practices through a national APCC Program wave beginning later this year.

"To date, the APCC Program has led to key changes within Australian primary care and improved health outcomes for more than 236,000 Australians living with diabetes and coronary heart disease. We are delighted to be extending the scope of the APCC Program to include these two important new topic areas," says Colin Frick, Chief Operating Officer, IFA.

"Practices involved in the APCC Program have achieved significant improvements and due to the popularity and success of the Collaboratives, IFA are expecting high demand for places in the new national wave. Practices not directly involved in the national wave can still engage with the topics through the Program's web portal," says Mr Frick.

Improvement Foundation Australia will soon announce participation details for the national wave.

For information about the APCC Program visit www.apcc.org.au

The APCC Program assists Australian general practices to find better ways to provide primary health care services to patients through shared learning, peer support, training, education, support systems, and the sound understanding and effective application of quality improvement methods and skills.

For more information about other IFA quality improvement programs visit www.improve.org.au

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