

### What is the Practice Health Atlas Program?

The *Practice Health Atlas* (PHA) is a Decision Support and Practice planning tool for General Practice which is produced by Network staff on request.

The Practice Health Atlas is now in used by over 50 Divisions covering most states of Australia.

### What does the Practice Health Atlas Program do?

The Practice Health Atlas (PHA) is a A4 report which provides practices with useful information about

- Epidemiological view of practice data within a geographic information context and informed by practice data, national census data and other data sources
- Clinical and Business Systems Modelling to link the health characteristics of a practice patient population with business opportunities to provide improved health outcomes
- Improved Access to Services for your patients through the use of integrated Human Services Directories

The PHA also utilises the Active Learning PDSA (Plan Do Study Act) approach that is core to the National Primary Care Collaboratives strategy.

### How can the Practice Health Atlas Program help you?

The Practice Health Atlas aims to inspire general practice teams to analyze their practice's population and identify what their population needs. Through the epidemiology segment of the PHA, practices can identify how they are recording their clinical data against the National and Network benchmarks. Through these recordings, the Business Modeling segment can then illustrate to practices how they can provide better health outcomes to patients through better item number utilization. It illustrates the viability of a diabetes clinic, asthma clinic, a practice nurse to work off-site in health assessments and so forth.

### What has Practice Health Atlas Program achieved?

The tool has been taken up in over 40% of our members practices' and it works hand in hand with the PEN Clinical Audit Tool.