

Advanced Practice Summary Report

Project title	Dry Needling Chronic Pain Clinic staffed by Podiatry & Physiotherapy.
Health Service	Djerriwarrh Health
Project aim	Providing a dry needling chronic pain clinic.
Key outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed a screening tool to ensure that dry needling is being provided in a safe and effective manner. This document was approved through the Allied Health Directorate credentialing board. • Appropriate clients experiencing chronic foot pain were screened and recruited to the dry needling trial. The screening tool was utilised to determine if clients were appropriate for dry needling to ensure safe use of the modality. • Developed consent form and had reviewed by Health Information Department. This documents the risks associated with undergoing dry needling. This ensures clients are able to give informed consent before proceeding. • Created education material and chronic pain clinic flyer to ensure clients are able to make an informed decision before proceeding with dry needling. • Commenced footwear fitting program for medical grade footwear decreasing the incidence of chronic lower limb and foot pain. • Developed resources and documents; client education, administration, policy and procedure.
Total investment	Funding provided plus in-kind support: \$44,620
Resources developed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advanced Scope of practice documentation 2. Amendment to current Podiatry scope of practice document developed to incorporate the advance practice 3. Dry needling protocol and procedure document 4. Screening tool 5. Consent forms 6. Needs analysis documentation 7. Credentialing documentation