

Advanced Practice Summary Report

Project title	AP Podiatry model of care for patients with foot/ankle conditions within a specialist outpatient setting.
Health service	Western Health (WH).
Project aim	Implementation of an AP podiatry model of care for ambulatory patients with foot/ankle conditions within a specialist setting.
Key outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of stakeholders and ongoing engagement with key staff in orthopaedic outpatient clinics such as orthopaedic surgeons, advanced practicing physiotherapists, and lead nursing staff. • Reviewed current advanced practice physiotherapist clinics within Western health for consistency and sustainability of model. • Developed key performance indicators, measurable outcomes (patient and service) and of data collection tool. • Literature review completed to ensure evidence based care is provided for commonly occurring conditions. • Developed a clinical pathway guideline for future orthopaedic and physiotherapy department collaboration. • Credentialing pathway completed with one project officer completing training and able to practice within WH as an advanced practice musculoskeletal podiatrist. • Developed comprehensive credentialing package, which has been shared with other major metropolitan health services • Received positive feedback from informal feedback was requested from podiatry, physiotherapy, orthopaedic unit, outpatient staff. Presentation made at orthopaedic grand round which resulted in increased referrals and gained positive feedback and interest in wait list improvement. • Improved patient specific outcomes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved access for patients (70%) on orthopaedic waitlist through identification and discharge of patients not requiring orthopaedic opinion or reallocation to podiatry treatment. • 90% of patients had a clear understanding of condition and 84% understood the treatment process. • 94% had a high level of satisfaction with the visit confirmed through patient survey.
Total investment	<p>Funding provided plus in-kind support: \$70,645.96</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding costs included: Staffing costs, operational costs, • In-kind support costs included: 6 week extension of program staff <p>FTE to provide service:</p> <p>1 x Advanced Practice Musculoskeletal Podiatrist</p> <p>1 x Researcher</p>
Resources developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credentialing package