



... is an ASPREN GP

Do you ever wonder which respiratory viruses are circulating in your community?

Rhinovirus

Mycoplasma
Pneumoniae

Influenza

Influenza, Pertussis, and Mycoplasma Pneumoniae all require different treatments and approaches to management.

Antibiotics

Tamiflu

Join ASPREN today and

- swab test 25% of patients presenting with fever, cough and fatigue—at no cost to you or the patient.
- receive priority notification of results so that you can treat your patient—fast!
- get first-hand information on the respiratory viruses circulating around Australia, and in your community.

Pertussis

The Curious GP is an ASPREN GP



aspren is the National GP Influenza and Infectious Diseases Surveillance Network

“We need your help to protect Australians’ from the threat of a pandemic”

ASPREN provides state and Commonwealth Departments of Health with information about influenza, influenza like illness (ILI), and other conditions commonly seen in general practice.

Positive influenza samples from our swab testing system are sent to the World Health Organisation and analysed for the emergence of new subtypes and oseltamivir resistant strains.

“All data is de-identified and collected in accordance with strict RACGP guidelines”

YOU CAN CHOOSE TO SUBMIT DATA IN ONE OF THREE WAYS:

- AUTOMATED DATA EXTRACTION VIA THE CANNING FLU TOOL, ALLOWS YOU TO SUBMIT DATA AT THE CLICK OF A BUTTON
- WEB-BASED DATA ENTRY
- PAPER NOTIFICATION FORMS

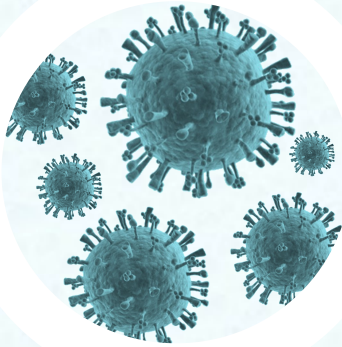
“ ASPREN data provides a valuable ‘heads-up’ warning to the Government in the event of a pandemic ”

ASPREN data shows peaks in activity up to four weeks earlier than traditional methods of surveillance, giving the Government more time to plan a response.

We have over 200 reporters Australia wide but require more GPs to achieve better representation. In particular we are seeking GP reporters in rural and remote locations, to enable us to detect disease outbreaks.

“ Established in 1991, ASPREN is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing ”

more benefits of joining ASPREN...



RACGP QI&CPD POINTS

Up to 80 category 1 and 30 category 2 RACGP QI&CPD points per triennium (or equivalent ACRRM points).



CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC HEALTH

ASPREN GPs are providing an essential service to their community and the nation.



PANDEMIC PRIORITY

In the event of a pandemic, you may send all of your patient's respiratory virus samples through ASPREN with our guaranteed 24 hour turnaround time (from receipt of sample at the laboratory).



GP REMUNERATION

ASPREN GPs are remunerated for each swab taken. You could earn up to \$1,000 per year (dependant on the number of swabs performed and practice location).

Contact the coordinator (details on the back) to find out more.



The National GP Influenza and Infectious Diseases Surveillance Network

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
OR TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION
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