

What's New At



MAKING HEALTH CARE EASY

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World Immunisation Week 2022

24th - 30th April 2022

The World Health Organisation celebrates World Immunisation Week in the last week of April.

For 2022 the focus is Long Life for All. This week aims to highlight the collective action needed and to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease.

WHO works with countries across the globe to raise awareness of the value of vaccines and immunization and ensures that governments obtain the necessary guidance and technical support to implement high-quality immunisation programs.

Panaceum Group would like to align their support with the World Health Organisation and support these vital messages. In doing so, we can educate and resource our patients to make positive decisions for vaccination across all age groups.

[World Immunisation Week 2022 – Long Life for All \(WHO.int\)](https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-immunisation-week-2022)

Panaceum Medical and Pilbara Health Centre Patient Feedback Survey

At the beginning of the year Panaceum Group undertook a Voice of the Patient Survey.

It was heartening to see that overall, 60% of respondents were highly satisfied with the service they received at Panaceum.

Frequently the comments were about the friendly and helpful staff. Also highly rated was our doctors' professionalism, having long-term patient relationship and health history and their thoroughness.

However, there were a couple of areas that came to light that Panaceum needed to improve upon.

Priority focus was issues around wait times - so on the busiest days we have rostered more receptionists and extended our GPs' standard appointment times to reduce chances of running over with patient appointments.

Panaceum always appreciates feedback and endeavours to be the leader in the health care industry not just through innovative, ethical and sustainable service provision but also focusing on making health care easy for our patients.

We want to be recognised for the right reasons.

What is a Care Plan?

For many people struggling with health issues later in life or due to chronic disease(s) thinking about long term health and well-being is not always a primary focus. A care plan looks at the overall picture of health conditions and factors that impact on wellbeing and attempts to address them proactively and through multidisciplinary care. Panaceum will be endeavouring to focus on these plans to give our patients long-term assistance towards best possible healthcare.



Staff Member Profile

Name: Aniruddha "Rudy" Sheth

Position: GP T1 Registrar

How long have you been working at Panaceum?

Since Jan 2022

What do you enjoy most about working at Panaceum?

It has a great culture where everyone is working hard and very supportive.

Favourite thing about Geraldton?

How close everything is!

What occupies your spare time?

I enjoy my reading, playing my piano, a good computer game, building a model ship and hitting the gym. I do study in between all of that!

Favourite food?

I love a 5 day dry-brined bone in rib-eye steak...delicious!!

Ultimate holiday destination?

I do want to see the Plitvice Lakes National Park or hike around the Scandinavian alps.

Favourite music?

It still is South of the Border by Ed Sheeran, Camila Cabello and Cardi B. Otherwise basically anything goes with all genres, yes, even Death Metal has its place.

Which 3 people; living, fictional or dead would you invite to a dinner party?

Nikola Tesla, Jordan Peterson and Milton Friedman...that would be a wild conversation.

Integrated Chronic Disease Care – ICDC

The Pilbara ICDC have had a busy start to the year, completing a full cycle of outreach clinics in Tom Price, Onslow, Newman and the Western Desert communities.

Allied health support is a key component of managing chronic conditions such as diabetes, but access can be very challenging for those living in remote towns.

We are fortunate to receive funding through Western Australia Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) that allows us to travel as a multidisciplinary team and provide diabetes education, physiotherapy, podiatry, dietetics, and care coordination to people living in hard-to-reach areas.

One such patient is JJ, who was referred into our Program with a new diagnosis of type 2 diabetes.

JJ is only 12 years old and lives in an Aboriginal community a fair drive from Tom Price let alone a location with allied health providers. Unfortunately, JJ also has a very unstable home life with lots of barriers to regular healthcare provision.

Through the ICDC Program, we have been able to work with other local providers such as the child healthcare nurse to provide culturally appropriate support for JJ as she learns how to manage her diabetes.

Telehealth appointments are challenging to facilitate in the Pilbara, and it can be difficult for specialists in Perth to fully understand the challenges faced by young people living in remote aboriginal communities.

Our diabetes educator was present for her telehealth endocrinology appointment through Perth Children's Hospital, which helped JJ engage with the information.

We were also able to refer JJ into the "Integrated Team Care" (ITC) Program which funds medical equipment, enabling us to purchase her very necessary podiatry-approved footwear.

While it's very sad to see such a young girl diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, we are grateful to be part of her journey and it's fantastic to see the wider Tom Price community pull together and provide support.

Panaceum Saturday Clinic

will sadly be CLOSED on
Easter Saturday (16th)
and
the following Saturday 23rd
April due to maintenance

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