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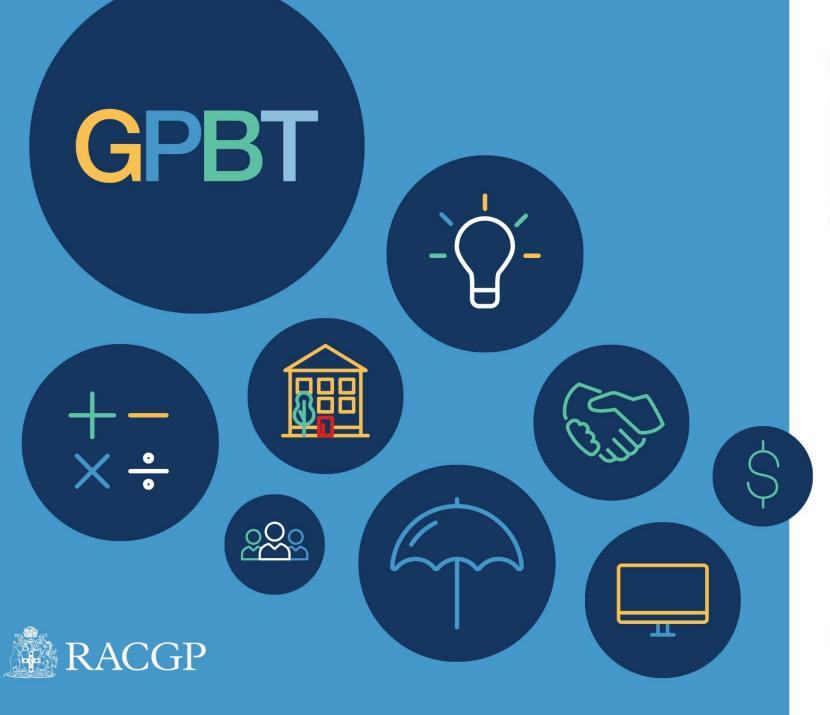
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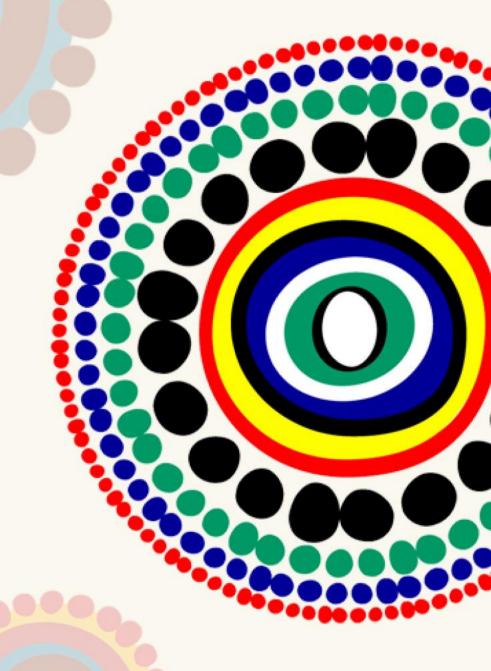
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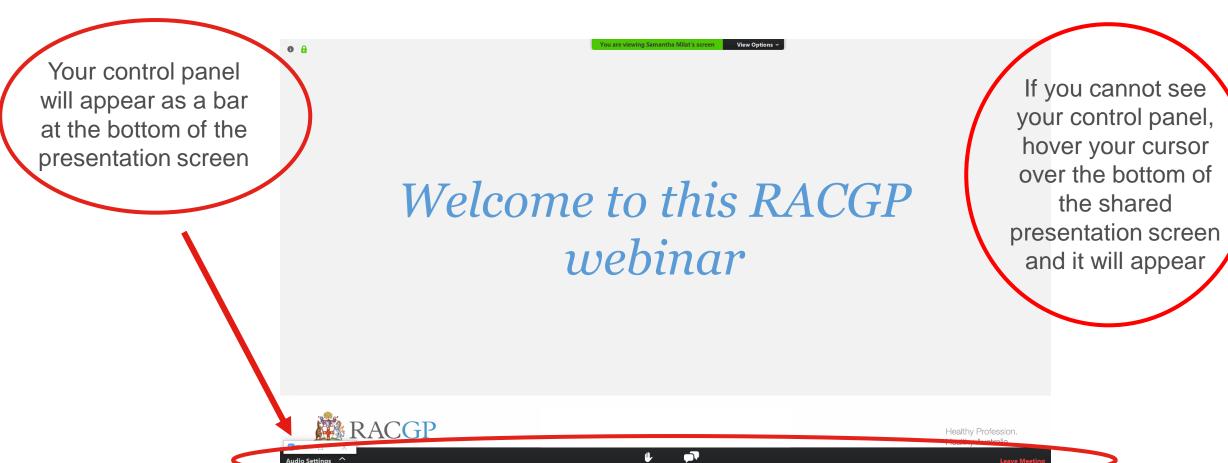
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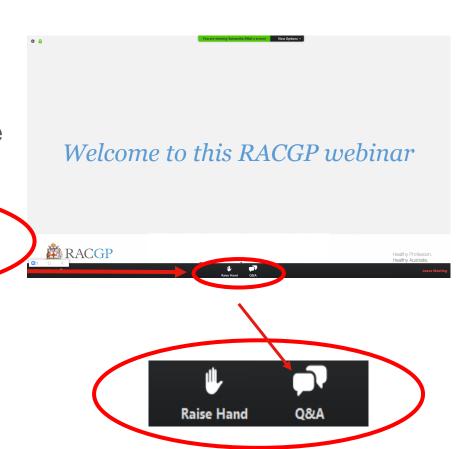
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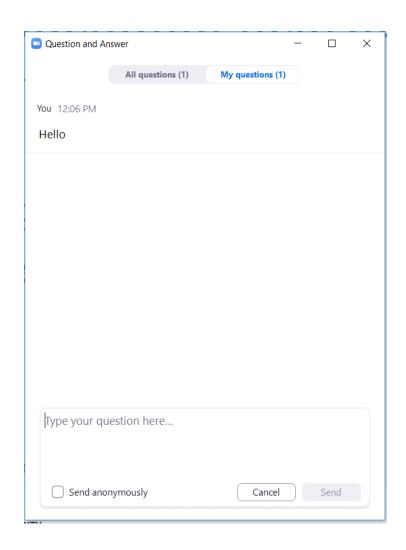
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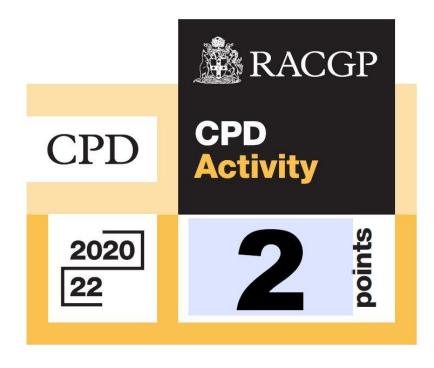
Use the question box function to talk to us.







### **CPD**





### Acknowledgment of country

I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands from where each of us is joining this webinar today.

I wish to pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



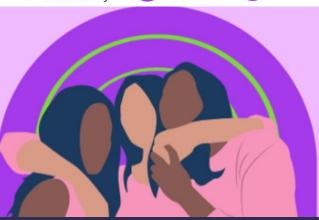












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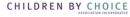


















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### GP Host



Dr Amy Moten
Chair –
RACGP Sexual Health Medicine
Specific Interest group



### Poll

What's your role in primary care? (GP, Practice Nurse, Practice Owner...)





### Poll

Does you practice currently offer medical abortion?





### Poll

What do you think are the perceived and/or actual barriers or concerns for GPs becoming prescribers?





### Presenter



Dr Richard Mayes General Practitioner, Obstetrician





# Preparing your practice to deliver medical abortion



Dr Richard Mayes DRANZCOG, FRACGP, MBBS(hons)







### Key Aims of a EMA / MTOP service

- Accessible
- Affordable
- Safe
- Flexible / Adaptable
- Simple System
- Collaborative
- Equitable / Inclusive

Unplanned pregnancy is a traumatic experience, women need to be received with compassion, sensitivity and understanding



### Cooperative Collaborating Services

- 1800 My Options
- Local Community Health and Women's Health Centre
- Local Community and Regional Health Hospitals
- Regional Hospital 'Choices' clinics / EPAS
- Private Gynaecologists
- Radiology and Pathology services
- Registered Pharmacies













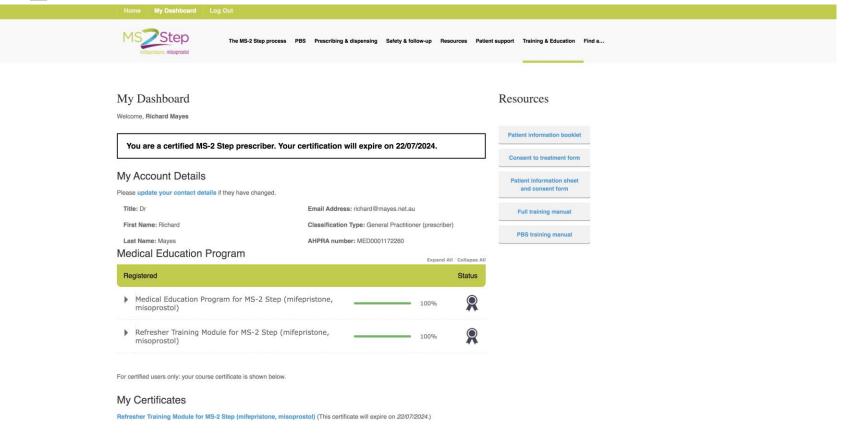
## (mifepristone, misoprostol)

- Marie Stopes Australia Practitioners Register on ms2step.com.au
- Registered Prescriber by completing 2-3 hour free online training
- Fellows or Advanced Diplomates of RANZCOG can register without training
- Re-certify every 3 years
- Non-procedural insurance cover (double check with MDO)
- GP providing pregnancy counselling training 4hour gplearning online

https://mycpd.racgp.org.au/activity/190506



## MS2Step (mifepristone, misoprostol)







### Referral – Models of Care

#### **Nurse Practitioner Driven:**

(Women's Health Loddon Mallee, Bendigo Community Health Service)

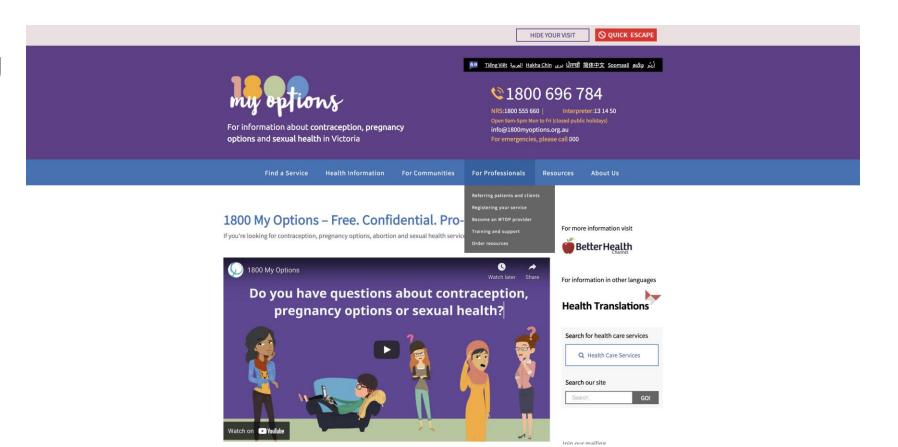
- Women assessed, counselled and options discussed
- Arrange pathology (BhCG, FBE, Blood Group, STI Screen, Vaginal Swabs)
- Arrange Radiology "dating and siting"
- Liase with GP to book appointment (SMS, email, allocated bookings)
- Shared Microsoft Spreadsheet
- Discuss and facilitate future contraception
- CST
- Counselling services



### Referral – Models of Care

### **GP** "Driven":

- Self-referral word of mouth / clinic website information
- 1800 My Options
- Receptionist training
- Allocated Appt





# The Appointment

- Phone / Telehealth / Face2Face
- 30-45 minutes
- Bedside TAUS or TVUS
- Options discussed: Medical TOP and Surgical TOP
- Expectations, Risks, Side effects and Benefits
- Indications and Contraindications
- MTOP Written Consent, Patient information, Authority Script, Analgesia, Antiemetics, Follow-up, Contraception, Safety-netting
- STOP Referral, liase with services (Bendigo, Ballarat, Kyneton)
- Red Flags Mental Health, Sexual / Family Violence, AOD



#### The Appointment (cont.)

- Arranging Pathology and USS
- Phone/Telehealth: Escripts, SMS/email information and consent, requests.
- Follow up phone calls: Results, Timing of scans
- Pre-book 2 week follow up serum BhCG and appointment
- (Engage interpreter services as needed)



#### **Indications**

- Informed voluntary choice to have a medical termination of pregnancy
- •Pregnancy is no more than 9 weeks (63 days) of gestational age and intrauterine
- •No medical contraindications to MS-2 Step (mifepristone, misoprostol)
- •Meets the legal requirements for termination of pregnancy in the Australian state or territory where the service is provided.



#### Contraindications

- Lack of access to emergency medical care in the 14 days following start of treatment
- Suspected ectopic pregnancy
- •Intrauterine contraceptive device is present: The device should be removed
- Uncertainty about pregnancy age / gestation
- Chronic adrenal failure
- •Severe disease necessitating exogenous steroid administration e.g. asthma
- Known or suspected hypocoagulation or treatment with anticoagulants
- •Known hypersensitivity to mifepristone, misoprostol (or any prostaglandin), or excipients





- 1st step Mifepristone stops the pregnancy
- 2nd step 36 to 48 hours later 4 tablets Misoprostol in the gums allow 30 mins then swallow
- Majority of woman start the "medically induced miscarriage" 3-4 hours after misoprostol causing cramping pains and heavy bleeding
- Example timing "start 8pm tonight then after 8am 2nd day 2nd step"
- Concerning bleeding, pain or nausea
- 2-3 days home bound but many women back to work after 2 days
- 95% success and bleeding settles by follow up call in 2 weeks



## Risks / Complications

- •2-7% failure rate requiring surgical procedure
- •1-2% heavy bleeding requiring surgical procedure
- •0.1-0.2% blood transfusion
- Infection: Life threatening sepsis to mild endometritis
- •Ectopic Pregnancy: 1 in 30,000 heterotropic pregnancy



## Follow-up

- •2 weeks phone/telehealth/face2face
- Serum BhCG target <20% of initial BhCG</li>
- Arrange USS and treatment if suspicious of RPOC
- Contraception
- Counselling / Mental Health Check
- Liase with GP



# Safety-netting

- •Regional Hospital ED departments paperwork and pathology accessible
- Early Pregnancy Assessment Services
- •MS Health nurse after care 24hour telephone service 1300 515 883
- Ensure supports available to drive to medical care
- After-hour services (GP, Urgent care centres)
- Ensure correct contact numbers including NOK
- •Legal: Age of consent (<16yo), Mature minors, Guardians / NOK.



## Costs / Billings

- •Face to Face charged per Medicare Appointment time (item 36-44)
- Bulk billing HCC or negotiable
- •Phone / Telehealth if fulfill criteria on Medicare or Private billing for time equivalent (eg \$75-110)
- •Sexual Health Telehealth 20-40min Item 92721 medicare \$60.60
- •Non-Medicare / Private pay \$75-110
- •GP-provided pregnancy support counselling Item 4001 medicare \$79.70
- •MS2Step \$42.50 (PBS \$353.78)
- •Average out of pocket \$200-300 Appointments, Scans, Medications



#### Difficulties / Learnings

- •Chaos often reigns: boundaries phone contact, after hours
- Chasing results from various pathology and radiology services
- Time pressures with distressed people
- •Reception staff training clear instructions, what is offered and process
- Start with a process and procedure
- Desensitized practitioners quantity vs quality
- Recruiting Practitioners
- Medicare changes



# Find a friend and support



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#### Questions?



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#### Q&A

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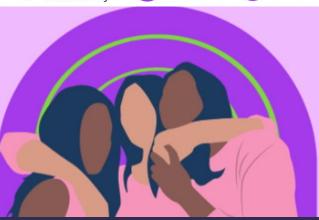












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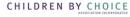


















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