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As we wrap up the second half of 2025, it's a great time to reflect on the progress we've made across the Murray PHN region. HealthPathways continues to be a vital tool for supporting clinical decision-making and strengthening local health system integration. Thank you to all contributors and users for your ongoing engagement.



PATHWAY UPDATES

Over the past six months we have reviewed several key pathway (suites) including:

- Dermatology
- Paediatric ENT

With new pathways including:

[Alopecia](#)

[Blistering Skin Conditions](#)

[Fungal Skin Infections](#)

[Fungal Nail Infections in Adults](#)

[Hidradenitis Suppurativa](#)

[Infant Birthmarks](#)

[Molluscum Contagiosum](#)

[Vitiligo](#)

[Anxiety, Distress, and Agitation in Palliative Care](#)

[Drug Allergy and Adverse Reaction](#)

[GP Mental Health Treatment Plan \(MHTP\)](#)

[Recurrent Pregnancy Loss](#)

[Immunisation - Travel](#)

[MyMedicare](#)

[National Lung Cancer Screening Program](#)

[Neck Lumps in Children](#)

[Reporting to Child Protection](#)



New statewide referral criteria now in effect

On 1 November 2025, the Victorian Department of Health introduced new statewide referral criteria for [child](#) (12) and [adult](#) (11) dermatology conditions, and children's [ear, nose and throat conditions](#) (seven) in all Victorian public hospitals. To ensure patients are able to be placed on a specialist clinic waitlist, referrals should include information outlined in the new criteria. Relevant clinical and referral pathways have been updated to reflect the new criteria.



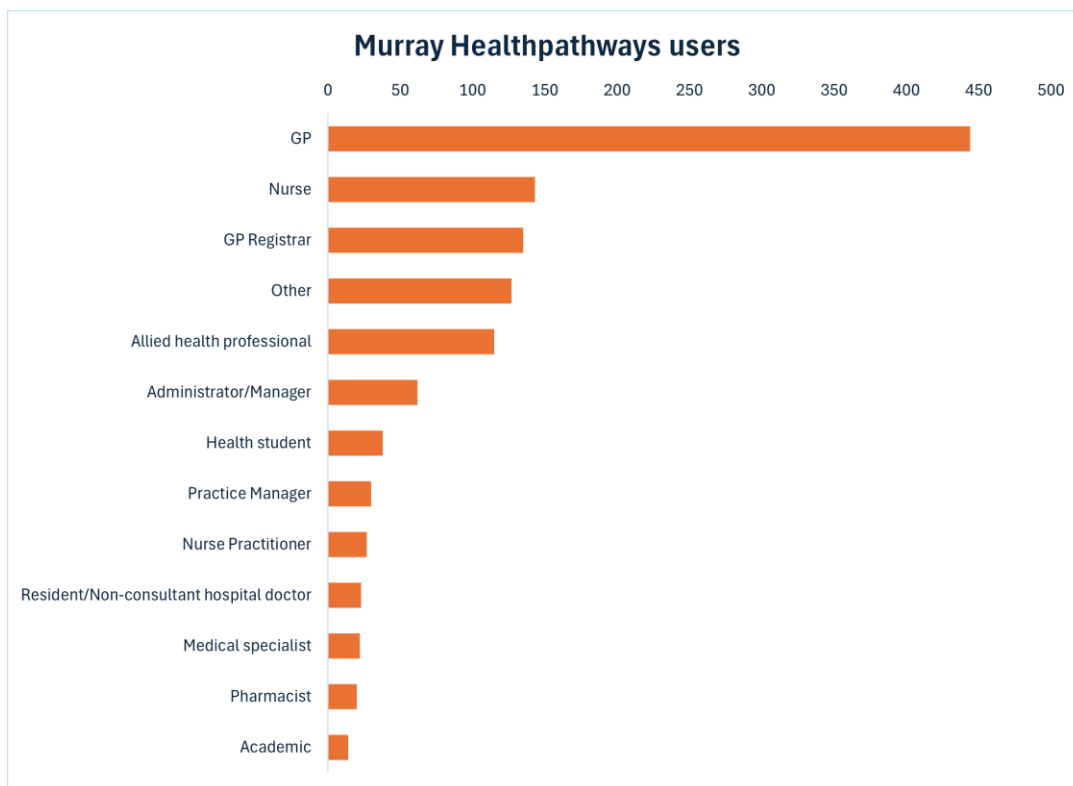
SNAPSHOT OF STATS (July – Nov 2025)

Trending searches: hypertension, osteoporosis, gout, menopause and asthma.

Top five most viewed pathways

1. [Antenatal Care – First Consult](#)
2. [Hypertension](#)
3. [Headaches in Adults](#)
4. [Herpes Zoster \(Shingles\)](#)
5. [Rhinosinusitis](#)

Since the introduction of individualised accounts in April 2025 we have more than 1,200 users registered which are broken down below:



Priority areas

AGED CARE REFORMS

Aged care related pathways now reflect the new [Aged Care Act](#) (effective 1 November 2025), which introduces key changes:

- [Support at Home Program](#) replaces Home Care Packages and Short-Term Restorative Care
- A Single Assessment System began in December 2024, with phased rollout for [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander](#) assessment organisations.
- A new funding model includes financial testing for non-clinical care co-contributions. Existing recipients (pre-12 Sept 2024) remain under the previous model.

See also: [How do aged care costs work?](#)

System updates

In the next three months look out for updates to the following suites of pathways:

- Haematology
- Urology
- Paediatric Surgery
- Rural Health



Tips and tricks



AI SMART SEARCH

Smart Search is an AI-powered tool that helps clinicians quickly find accurate, relevant information at the point of care. It streamlines consultations by refining search queries and presenting approved content in context, saving time and improving patient focus.

Watch this [video](#) to learn more



GP OPPORTUNITY

We're looking for a GP to lead the HealthPathways Dementia and Aged Care Project. this role will work to improve clinical referral pathways and support practitioners through consultation, education and workflrce development.

The role is flexible at 0.2 FTE and can be based from any of our office locations in Bendigo, Albury, Mildura or Shepparton, with a maximum-term contract to 30 June 2027.

[Click here](#) to learn more and apply. Applications close on 27 November 2025.



Meet the team



Danielle Dalrymple, HealthPathways Coordinator, Albury

About me

I live in Mulwala with my husband and our two children, aged 10 and five. I currently also work at Northeast Health Wangaratta as a Clinical Midwife Specialist three days a week, where I hold dual roles as an Early Pregnancy Triage Midwife and BOS (Birthing Outcome System) Coordinator. I've also been fortunate to be involved in the National Preterm Birth Prevention Collaborative as a project lead for Northeast Health Wangaratta - a national initiative aimed to safely reduce preterm and early term births across Australia.

Why I wanted to work in the HealthPathways team

I am currently covering the HealthPathways Coordinator role during a maternity leave period until March 2026 and saw this as a valuable opportunity to broaden my knowledge and contribute to improving clinical navigation. Health Pathways appealed to me because it supports clinicians with clear, evidence-based guidance, enhances the quality and safety of patient referrals and care coordination and allows me to apply my clinical experience in a systems improvement role.

What I enjoy most about the role

I've really enjoyed the opportunity to learn new things, meet new people, and gain a broader understanding of health conditions and service pathways beyond maternity care. I love the balance of clinical insight, collaboration, and system improvement. It's rewarding to know that the work we do helps streamline care for clinicians and makes a tangible difference for patients in our region.

The greatest benefit of HealthPathways

It offers consistent, evidence-based guidance, reducing variation in practice. For patients, it means quicker access to appropriate care and better coordination between services.

For clinicians, it provides a reliable and trusted tool that supports decision making and helps navigate complex systems efficiently - improving communication and outcomes.

Contact the Murray HealthPathways team

If you would like more information or to request access or assistance, contact the Murray HealthPathways team by emailing: infohealthpathways@murrayphn.org.au or calling 03 4408 5600.

Murray PHN acknowledges its catchment crosses over many unceded First Nations Countries, following the Dhelkunya Yaluk (Healing River).

We pay our respects and give thanks to the Ancestors, Elders and Young people for their nurturing, protection and caregiving of these sacred lands and waterways, acknowledging their continuing cultural, spiritual and educational practices.

We are grateful for the sharing of Country and the renewal that Country gives us. We acknowledge and express our sorrow that this sharing has come at a personal, spiritual and cultural cost to the wellbeing of First Nations peoples. We commit to addressing the injustices of colonisation across our catchment, and to listening to the wisdom of First Nations communities who hold the knowledge to enable healing. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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