

Would you like to strengthen your skillset and confidence in paediatric care through an evidence-based model of care?

Would you like to improve the outcomes for paediatric patients in primary care?

The Strengthening Care for Children (SC4C) project is testing a new model of care aiming to increase GP confidence and knowledge in paediatric care and reduce paediatric referrals to hospital Emergency Departments and Outpatient clinics. The model seeks to do so through the development of an educational relationship between participating GPs and a Paediatrician from the Royal Children's Hospital. The SC4C Paediatrician will co-consult with participating GPs, lead monthly case discussions at your practice, and provide weekday phone and email support.

The SC4C project offers an exciting opportunity to partake in an evidence-based research intervention and strengthen your paediatric skillset through professional collaboration.

What will the SC4C study team and Paediatrician offer you?

- Provide education and training in paediatric care
- Provide weekly to fortnightly co-consulting sessions at your practice (you will bill for these)
- Provide monthly 60-minute case discussions at your GP practice
- Provide paediatric support via phone and email
- Provide all intervention materials and resources, including flyers and posters to promote your participation in the model of care
- Collect all study data
- Manage all other project and research issues
- A quality improvement grant totalling \$7,000 (to be paid in instalments at project milestones)

What are the benefits of participating in the SC4C project?

- Improved confidence in skills and knowledge of child health, enhancing your knowledge base and professional development
- Participation in the integration of an evidenced-based model of care at your Practice
- Greater support to your paediatric patients and their families
- Improved family confidence in your paediatric care, and lowered burden as a result of local, integrated GP-paediatric care
- Reduced need for referrals to hospital emergency and outpatient services
- An opportunity to earn Category 1 CPD points for this triennium

What will you be asked to do?

- Attend weekly to fortnightly co-consults (1-2 patients) with the SC4C Paediatrician
- Attend monthly case discussions with the SC4C Paediatrician at your Practice
- Sign a Memorandum of Understanding
- Enter diagnostic and referral notes into the EMR
- Complete a survey before and after commencing the model of care