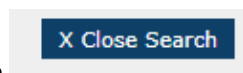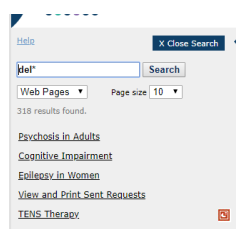## Using HealthPathways

HealthPathways Murrumbidgee is an online health system that is to be used at the point of care. It provides relevant and evidence based assessment, management and referral information on specific common clinical conditions.
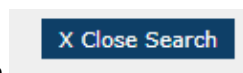
Searching for Information

The search box is located at the top left of the page just below the HealthPathways banner:

To use the search type in a keyword in the search box and press enter or click on the search button. For example type "delirium" to search all pages that include the word Delirium in the text or heading. Or type the first few letters followed by * (eg del*) to find all words that contain these letters.

To close the search click the button. When you have conducted a search text that meets your criteria will be highlighted in yellow. To remove this highlighting click on close search button and then click on the pathway name in the table of contents.

Using the Table of Contents

An alternative to using the search function to navigate is to use the table of contents or by using the navigation buttons at the top of each page.
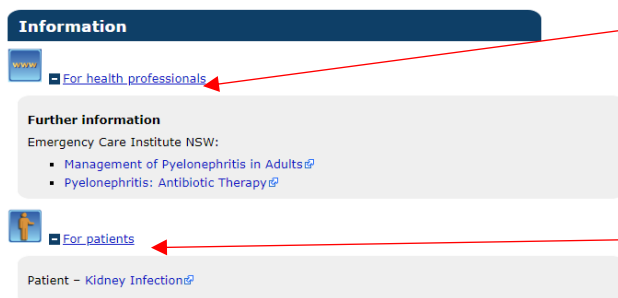
Table of Contents

The table contents is located under the Search button on the left hand side of the page. If you click the blue box with a plus sign this will expand the menu options and clicking on a minus sign will condense the menu options.

Page Buttons

There are three buttons located on the top of the left hand side of the page. The back button works exactly like your browser back button and takes you to the page you last visited. You could use the back and forward buttons in your browser if you would prefer.

The next and previous buttons take you in sequence through Healthpathways. These buttons are useful if you want to read the entire section of Healthpathways without missing any information.

Viewing Clinical and Patient Information

Information

www For health professionals

Further information
Emergency Care Institute NSW:
- Management of Pyelonephritis in Adults
- Pyelonephritis: Antibiotic Therapy

For patients

Patient – Kidney Infection

Viewing Clinical Information

Many of the pathways contain links to assessment tools and relevant clinical guidelines where they are recommended by local clinicians to support assessment and management of a specific condition. These can be found by expanding clinical resources which is listed under the Information heading at the bottom of every pathway.

Viewing Information for Patients

Many of the pathways contain useful resources that can be provided to patients. These are found by expanding the patient information drop down which is located in the Information section at the bottom of the pathway.

Using Pathways during a Patient Consultation

HealthPathways allow general practice teams to access current, local condition-specific information, management advice and clinical resources. They provide support around the management of difficult and uncommon consultations and they are kept brief and consistently structured to help you quickly find what you need during consultations. Pathways consist of many common features that you can read about below.

i About delirium

Red Flags

🚩 Untreated delirium can be fatal

About Boxes- describe background information about a condition that you may not need to know every time you are looking at the pathway. They are displayed 'hidden' drop-down box, so you only need to read the information if you want to.

Red Flags – described the signs or symptoms that require urgent assessment or management.

Clinical Editor's Note

From December 2017, NSW Health reporters need to register to make online mandatory reports via the ChildStory Reporter Community. General practitioners and other health professionals need to register by contacting the ChildStory support team by email (childstory.support@facs.nsw.gov.au) or phone **1300-356-696.** Before an individual practitioner can register to become an e-reporter, their practice must first register with ChildStory Reporter Community.

See here for more information.

Clinical Editors Notes – sometimes you will see a note when there is a really important change in the local service availability or condition-specific management. Usually it is temporary but we need you to know.

Assessment Information – describes what your peers and specialist colleagues think is reasonable to do in primary care. It includes tips and tools to help diagnosis, and guide management.

PRACTICE POINT **Use of long-acting beta-agonists**

Long acting beta-agonists are indicated for persistent asthma only in combination with inhaled steroids, and only after first trialling inhaled steroids at significant doses.

Practice Point Boxes – are handy tips that, while commonly known, may make all the difference to managing a condition.

Management Information includes:

- Information to check therapeutics with local recommendations.
- Reminders to check a recommended drug before prescribing eg antibiotic doses may have changed.
- Advice on how to manage your patient while waiting for specialist assessment, or in general practice without referral.

Tip: Checking this section first increases the effectiveness of calls to specialists, and helps you make accurate and appropriate referrals.

Request Information includes:

- All the local options that are available to manage a patient with the particular condition
- The clinical criteria of each option ie when each is medically appropriate

Other Information – this section includes a number of icons, under which you can find details such as patient information, clinical resources, and more.

Printing Information from Health Pathways

HealthPathways is primarily an online resource and it's not optimised for printing, however you can print out one or more pages or resources as you need them. Remember that because HealthPathways changes daily, any printed pages will become out of date very quickly. Always use the live website as your main source.

To print a page or resource:

1. Expand all the drop-down boxes that you want to have included on your printout. If you don't expand the boxes they will not print.
2. Click the print button.
3. Check the layout in print preview (if your browser displays this option). You might like to change the page layout, for example tweak the margins. Some content will display better in landscape orientation.
4. Choose your printer and change other options as required and click print.

(Note instructions may vary depending on your computer, your browser and your setup.)

Send Feedback About a Page

Every page in HealthPathways has a Send Feedback button in the upper-right corner, so that you can contact the team or make suggestions for improvement. To send feedback, click the button, complete the form, and click Send Feedback. You can attach files such as documents or pictures if you need to. (Important do not send patient details) All feedback is reviewed by the Clinical Editors team and responded to promptly.