

Questions for Evaluation, Policy and Planning session for RACP PH registrar exam prep

Session time: 15:30 on 2/9/26

Question 1: Health Promotion

In 2021, Australia undertook to join the Cervical Cancer Elimination initiative to eliminate Cervical Cancer as a Public Health problem by 2035. Screening targets under this initiative are for 70% of eligible people to be screened every 5 years, however rates in your jurisdiction are around 55% in some regions.

You are a Public Health Physician working in the Population/Prevention unit of your jurisdiction and have been asked to develop a statewide Health Promotion Strategy to improve cervical cancer screening in the non-screened and under-screened populations in rural and remote regions. Outline how you would approach this task including the main elements of your strategy.

Question 2: Evaluation

The Pharmacy Board of Australia is currently undertaking consultations on the future endorsement of an increased scope of practice for registered pharmacists in Australia that will allow them to prescribe S4 medications. Autonomous pharmacist prescribing legislation for a reduced scope of medications already exists in several states and territories in Australia and your jurisdiction has had this legislation and accompanying program for 2-3 years.

You are a Public Health Physician working in the office of the Chief Health Officer and have been asked to lead an evaluation on this program to help inform the national conversation. Describe how you would develop an evaluation plan for this program, including the main elements to be evaluated.