

A new health service model that aims to improve access to essential reproductive and sexual health services for women in NSW



The SEARCH project is a new health service model from Family Planning Australia that aims to improve access to essential reproductive and sexual health services for women in NSW, with a focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and those in regional and rural communities. This service model aims to build the capacity of local service providers and remove barriers to vital healthcare for all women in NSW.

The project supports local clinicians, including doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and Aboriginal health workers, to provide reproductive and sexual health services that are both high-quality and financially sustainable.

Our aim

We believe all people should have access to evidence-based and client-centered reproductive and sexual health services, including highly effective contraception, accurate information about pregnancy options and abortion.

The SEARCH project aims to:

- remove barriers to access for long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) services
- enhance the provision of and access to abortion services
- enhance the quality of care for women receiving these services
- address the problem of staff turnover by expanding the network of trained and accredited health professionals who can deliver these services

What do we provide?

The SEARCH project provides customised education and training to healthcare providers, and evaluation and support regarding governance, risk management and communications and marketing. We also provide clinical support while partners are being upskilled in reproductive and sexual health service provision.

Each partner who joins the project will be supported through the program to develop, implement and sustain the local delivery of abortion and LARC services.

We provide:

- free training programs on contraception, pregnancy options and abortion
- service planning and implementation
- best practice policy and procedure development
- financial modelling
- clinical resources
- marketing and communications resources

Family Planning Australia works with each partner to develop a flexible model adapted to the needs of local consumers, communities and providers.

What's involved in SEARCH Project?

1 Professional education:

- blended learning packages for pregnancy options, medical abortion, implant insertion/removal & IUD insertion/removal

2 Institutional supports:

- service planning and implementation
- support to develop local clinical governance mechanisms
- risk management strategy, policies, procedures, clinical documentation tools/forms, financial modelling and client-facing resources based on FPA templates & local consultations

3 Clinical services:

- ongoing support and mentoring

4 Evaluation:

- support to develop data collection systems/methods

5 Marketing and communications resources





SEARCH Resource Hub

Located on our e-learning platform

<https://elearning.fpnsw.org.au/>

Topics include:

- Clinical
- Policies & procedures
- Comms & marketing
- Financial
- Quality assurance & improvement

Education Program

Abortion and LARC Training Model

Introductory training for doctors, nurses, Aboriginal health workers and allied health staff



Pregnancy Choices
2 hours online



Training for
MTOF providers

Medical abortion
4 hours online

Clinical coaching
and mentoring onsite
for MTOF, Implant
and IUD by FPA

LARC training for doctors and nurses
working with medical supervision

Contraceptive Implant
3 hours online



1 hour clinical simulation
workshop face to face or online

IUD Implant
5 hours online



3 hour workshop 16 hours
supervised clinical placement



Communities
of Practice
– 1.5 hours
then
quarterly

Advanced training for procedural doctors
(coming soon)



Surgical abortion
online modules



Supervised
clinical placement
for up to 6 months

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Medical abortion – 4 hours online

Face to face training and
clinical supervision

On site coaching and mentoring

Pregnancy Choices

2 hours self-paced, online learning – Introduction for all clinical and non-clinical staff

- Unintended pregnancy in NSW context, legal considerations in NSW
- What are the options?
- What are the current barriers accessing abortion in NSW?
- Non-directive pregnancy choices: best practice framework principles
- Balancing personal and professional considerations
- Referral pathways
- Case studies

Medical Abortion

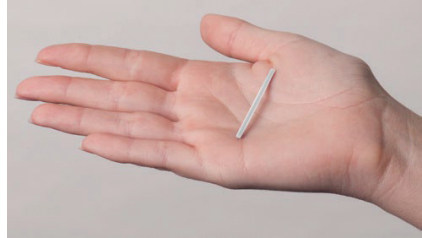
Self-paced, online learning – 4 hours of CPD

- Medical abortion in Australia and legal issues
- Medications for medical abortion
- Practical considerations
- Assessment and the consultation
- Follow up and contraception
- Clinical scenarios and complications



Contraceptive Implant

Online courses and face-to-face workshops available
– 5-6 hours of CPD total – 3 hours online – Theoretical and practical

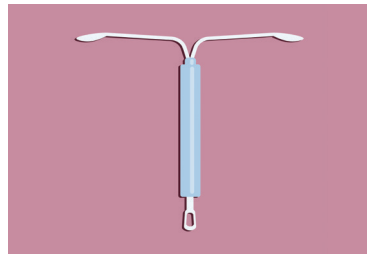
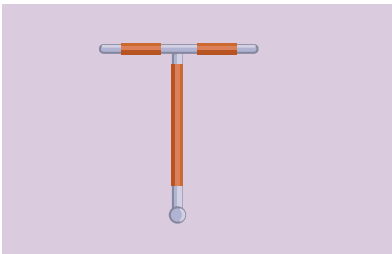


IUD Insertion

5 hour online course with face-to-face 3 hour workshop available followed by 16 hours of clinical placement

Doctors and eligible nurses and midwives who wish to offer IUD insertion in their clinical practice.

- minimum two years postgraduate clinical experience
- adequate clinical support by a medical practitioner in their own practice





How do I get involved?

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