RIPRN

Rural and isolated practice registered nurse

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RIPRN

- Nurse
- Course
- Model
RURAL AND REMOTE

COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

Educational preparation (endorsement)

The RIPRN Model
Law, scope of practice

Advanced pharmacology
Safe use of medicines

Clinical assessment & practice
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Advanced pharmacology
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Clinical assessment & practice

Workforce ready
The RIPRN model

- **Rural and Remote**
- **Collaborative Practice**
- **Educational preparation (endorsement)**
  - Supported by legislation
The RIPRN Model

- Educational preparation (endorsement)
- Safe, accessible care
- Supported by legislation
- Evidence based clinical guidelines (PCCM)

Rural and Remote Collaborative Practice
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<td>Otitis media / externa</td>
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Whilst waiting for MO

- Chest pain
- Analgesia – e.g. fractures / trauma, renal colic, etc.
- Snakebite
- Anaphylaxis
- Fits / convulsions
- Mental health emergencies
What doctors are saying

Complete and comprehensive assessment

Good clinical judgement and plan

Saves ‘on call’
What RIPRN nurses are saying

Advances practice

Raises standard of care

↑ Patient safety, public confidence

Specialist generalist

Enhances workforce mobility

Helps manage doctor fatigue
Workforce solution

- More accessible health care / access to medicines
- Reduces doctor fatigue
- Cost effective
- Improves standard of care
- Foundation of rural generalist pathway for RNs

Thank you

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