**Presentation title**

Providing long-acting reversible contraception and early medical abortion in primary care

**Presentation outline**

One-quarter of Australian women experience an unintended pregnancy in their lifetime, with 30% of these ending in abortion. Long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) is effective in preventing pregnancy. However, knowledge and uptake of LARC amongst women remain low. Despite LARC and early medical abortion (EMA) being provided in primary care, there is a lack of education, training and support for general practitioners (GPs) in providing these services, leaving many feeling unsupported and isolated. Enhanced provision of LARC, and timely access to EMA services for women is needed, particularly for young, rural and disadvantaged women.

Knowledge about strategies starting up a LARC and EMA service will be presented and discussed. Delegates will then gain insight into approaches that support LARC and EMA service provision such as task sharing and MBS item numbers, such as those used for telehealth. Finally, a unique national online Community of Practice for LARC and EMA providers will be presented. By enabling peer networking and access to resources and training, the platform supports evidence-based practice in caring for women seeking the prevention or management of unintended pregnancy.

**Learning outcomes**

1. Understand practical strategies used to start and deliver LARC and EMA services in general practice.
2. Explore approaches for the delivery of LARC and EMA in general practice that involve task-sharing and telehealth.
3. Recognise the importance and raise awareness about peer networking opportunities for LARC and EMA services in general practice.

**How will delegates be involved throughout this presentation?**

Delegates will step through the opportunities and practical implications of providing LARC and EMA in practice, discuss case studies and be provided with a guided tour and access to an innovative online networking platform. There will also be opportunity for questions and discussion.