APNA’s Enhanced Nurse Clinics project is establishing nurse-led clinics Australia-wide. These innovative models of care are based in primary health care settings.

Eleven sites have been selected in metropolitan, rural and remote locations, based on local population health needs. Three sites were selected from the 2014-15 Nursing in General Practice (NiGP) Program after successfully developing models of innovation. The Enhanced Nurse Clinics commence in 2016 and will be completed in 2018.

There will be an extensive evaluation of the Enhanced Nurse Clinics. Outcomes from the project, including recommendations, resources, and tools, will support other primary health care organisations to commence their own nurse-led clinics.

The Enhanced Nurse Clinics Sites
Ballarat Community Health, VIC
Community Health Service, Dementia
The Memory Health Support Service is a nurse enhanced model of care provided within the general practice at Ballarat Community Health. The service will improve psycho-social and medical care planning for people presenting with cognitive decline and their carers.

Ballarat Community Health, VIC
Community Health Service, Diabetes
A diabetes clinic at Kununurra Medical will provide access to innovative and evidence based collaborative model of care. There is no dedicated diabetes clinic in Kununurra. Thus, this clinic will provide access to innovative and evidence based diabetes management and care.

Kununurra Medical, WA
Aboriginal Development Organisation / General Practice, Diabetes
A diabetes clinic at Kununurra Medical will provide patients with access to a multidisciplinary and culturally appropriate collaborative model of care. There is no dedicated diabetes clinic in Kununurra. Thus, this clinic will provide access to innovative and evidence based diabetes management and care.

Correct Care, VIC
Correctional Services, Men’s Health
The Men’s Health and Wellbeing Clinic addresses priority health and wellbeing issues for male prisoners at Barwon Prison. In this collaborative model, nurses work from agreed evidence based protocols, in partnership with the multidisciplinary health care team.

Healthy Liver Clinic, ACT
Not-for-Profit Community Organisation, Hepatitis B
Healthy Liver Clinic will monitor and treat refugees and asylum seekers with chronic hepatitis B. Those patients diagnosed with hepatitis B will receive education, monitoring, and treatment where indicated.

The ‘SKIP into Life Clinic’ aims to improve the health and wellbeing of people with enduring mental illness by preventing and managing chronic illness through person centred assessment, change management support, wellbeing education, care planning, and early referral to specialist services.

Helping Hand, SA
Aged Care, Healthy Ageing
The Primary Health Nursing Clinic for Older People will target older people with complex health needs. The clinic will provide older people with information and pathways to support wellness. The clinic will also support nursing students on clinical placements.

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