

New software to help GPs identify cannabis use

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This article discusses the need for GPs "to be provided with the tools to help them recognise and manage patient with cannabis-related problems". As highlighted in NCPIC's Bulletin 2, The Management of Cannabis Use in Australian General Practice, BEACH data reveals that GPs undertake approximately 19,000 cannabis-related consultations per year, a relatively low number, when around 300,000 Australians use the drug regularly. NCPIC has developed 10 factsheets for the widely used prescribing software Medical Director, which cover "topics such as questions to ask when screening for cannabis-related problems, signs of such a problem and how to recognise high-risk groups".