HELLO EVERYONE, AND WELCOME TO OUR PROJECT UPDATE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

Please see below the training statistics for Course 1 and Course 2, as at 31 December 2019

REPORTED CAMERA USAGE VS MBS BILLING

We are pleased to make available the chart below outlining the reported* camera usage across the country. This usage is the cumulative total of camera usage and is reported to the end of December 2019. Updated charts will be provided to sites on a quarterly basis.

Source: Australian Government Department of Human Services, Medicare Australia Statistics

*Please note that this is not a complete data set as all sites do not always submit their data so actual usage may be higher than we are reporting.
RETINAL CAMERA PROMOTIONAL BANNER – ORDER YOURS TODAY!

To help encourage patients at your clinic to get a retinal photograph taken, you can order a pull up banner which is fully funded by the project. All banners are personalised to include your health service logo and a photo of your staff using the camera. If you would like to order a banner or find out more please contact Megan Adamson: m.adamson@bhvi.org

PHOTO GRADING SERVICE FROM CENTRE FOR EYE HEALTH (CFEH)

As part of Course 2: Diabetic Retinopathy Assessment, CFEH (Centre For Eye Health) provides mentoring support for those who have completed the course. Course participants are invited to upload photographs for feedback on interpretation and triaging/referral decisions. This service has been expanded, and all health services receiving a retinal camera through the PEHET project will now have unlimited access to this reading service until the end of the project in June 2020.

CFEH are also offering a HOTLINE, where their Optometry staff can provide feedback or assistance for any Course 2 participants seeking guidance as they are triaging their patient’s retinal photos. Ph: (02) 8115 0777. Turnaround time for grading is usually within 48 hours. The report can then be forwarded to the GP to facilitate Medicare billing.

To find out more about this service, contact Paula Katalinic from CFEH at PKatalinic@cfeh.com.au or (02) 8115 0731

EMBEDDING

If your site requires extra mentoring days to assist with embedding retinal photography in your clinical processes please do not hesitate to contact Dian Rahardjo d.rahardjo@bhvi.org or Megan Adamson m.adamson@bhvi.org (02) 9385 7391 so we can arrange extra training for your site.

If your site has already received their training but you now have other health workers whom you would like to complete the 2 hour online course, please e-mail Megan Adamson m.adamson@bhvi.org. All courses have CPD points attached.

CLOSE THE GAP FOR VISION BY 2020 NATIONAL CONFERENCE – THE GAP AND BEYOND: WEDNESDAY 18 – THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2020, ADELAIDE

We are excited to announce that four Retinal Camera sites submitted abstracts to “Close the Gap for Vision by 2020 National Conference” which will be held in Adelaide in March. All applicants have been successful, and we look forward to hearing their presentations at the conference. We would encourage sites that are interested in strengthening their eye health programs to consider attending this conference. More details can be found here

ONLINE RETINAL CAMERA MODULES

All those who have completed and passed their online and face to face training sessions will have received certificates. If you wish to complete the online modules again, please contact Megan Adamson m.adamson@bhvi.org

- For more information about the project, click HERE.