Strategies

Priority

Enhance the knowledge, skills and confidence of primary care practitioners in the provision of high-value OA care

Support primary care practitioners in the delivery of high-value care to Australians with OA

Actions

1. Produce a website containing access to high-quality educational resources, clinical tools and service directories
2. Audit the workforce to identify and report gaps in knowledge and skills
3. Establish steering group(s) to implement OA self-management programs and accredited physical activity programs in partnership with stakeholders
4. Improve training of the workforce in evidence-based OA management (practitioners and trainees)
5. Train other potential workforce practitioners to provide high-value OA care in community settings
6. Develop and promote skills-based core competencies in the provision of high-value OA care

Establish national benchmarking of outcomes of services to improve the standards of OA management

Actions

1. Develop and promote nationally accepted minimum standards and skill-based competencies in OA care
2. Evaluate and report on existing OA programs and services
3. Formulate and implement key performance indicators that reflect minimum standards and competencies
4. Include the identified key performance indicators in the Quality Improvement Practice Payment for general practice

Develop and promote diagnostic tools for OA appropriate for primary care settings

Actions

1. Develop and promote appropriate diagnostic tools for primary care settings
2. Develop educational resources and training that promote the use of appropriate tools to use for the diagnosis of OA in primary care settings
3. Develop information and technology infrastructure to enable embedding of diagnostic tools into daily practice

Figure 1. Strategic responses proposed to address priority 1

OA, osteoarthritis
Figure adapted from Wolk et al[36] and based on the Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research[37]