

**ISG ASM Feb 2018**

# **How prepared are we for next Pandemic? *...a GP perspective***



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# How prepared are we?

- Tools/references for Planning & Preparing
  - AHMPPI, Apr 2014
  - VMPPI, Oct 2014
  - EMV, Aug 2015
  - RACGP Guides for General Practice
    - Managing pandemic influenza in general practice  
(A guide for prevention, preparation, response and recovery)  
2nd edition, updated June 2017
    - Pandemic Flu Kit Implementation Guide, June 2014
    - **Pandemic Influenza Tool Kit** for Gen Practice, June 2014

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*‘There's many a slip,  
'twixt the cup and the lip’*

- Gellius, 2<sup>nd</sup> Century AD

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- Peizenberg's measure of Preparedness:

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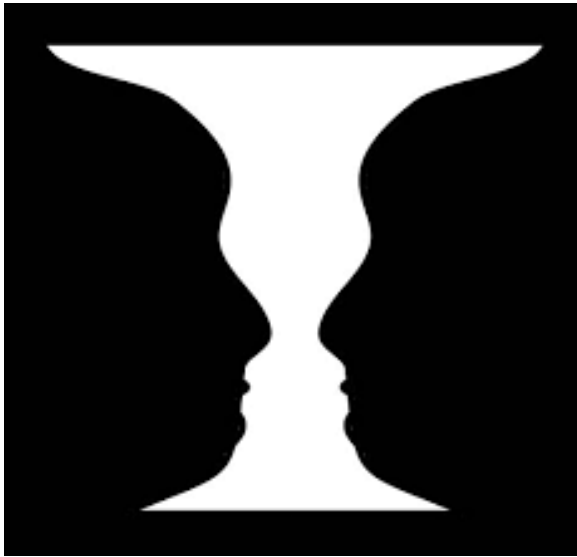
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- Despite having NGPIC, AGPN, State/T Imm Networks, & DivGPs
  - were highly engaged with GPs, GP Nurses & their practices
  - all those Networks now replaced with PHNs (?level of engagement with GP)
- 2009 Review process was mired in denial/dismissal of issues experienced by the 'front line' GPs & HCWs
  - serious loss of confidence in the system's future ability to support the needs of General Practice as the 'front line' for Pandemic Response

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## ■ Feb 2018

### ■ Issues for General Practices

- Raise awareness of ongoing potential for Pandemic Flu
  - Timely reminder for annual Feb review of GP clinic Workplans
  - GP confidence in the 'System'
  - ?level of support from, & engagement with, your local PHN

### ■ Issues for alignment with General Practice

- National/State/Local Authorities, PHN & Public Hospital
- Need focused check of operational processes for leaks/gaps
- Need to seriously re-engage at General Practice level

