

tASK app to support delegation to allied health assistants

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In 2012, the Victorian Department of Health & Human Services (the department) released the *Supervision and Delegation framework for allied health assistants (the framework)*¹. The framework was developed as an enabling tool to support allied health professionals (AHPs) across a wide range of allied health disciplines to better understand the range of roles allied health assistants (AHAs) can assist with in patient care; appreciate the supervision and delegation responsibilities of an AHP working with an AHA; and feel confident in working safely with AHAs.

As an adjunct to the framework, the department funded Monash Health to develop an “app” to support AHPs in the clinical setting to assist decision making regarding task delegation to the AHA workforce. The “app” will assist with real-time decision making about AHA task delegation using either the master AHA task list from all allied health disciplines, developed as part of the AHA Implementation Program or the delegation decision framework in the supervision and delegation framework document. The app would also suggest the level of supervision requirement for the delegated task.

There is the ability to customise the app to a specific discipline, team or service if required. It also has a repository for the department documents and local organisational AHA competencies. A demonstration of the app using task scenarios will form part of an interactive oral presentation. It will be free on the Apple app store in July 2015.

1. Department of Health & Human Services, Victoria (2012), Supervision and Delegation Framework for Allied Health Assistants.