

Children's Nursing Queensland

How to quit your day job: Transitioning from public stomal therapy nurse to small business owners

Natalie Gentile
Lisa Gyselman

Children's Nursing Queensland INTRODUCTIONS



OUR SERVICES

- Bladder and bowel stoma support
- Comprehensive continence support
- Enteral feeding and tube management
- Complex wound care
- Pressure injury management
- Assessments and reports for NDIS
- General nursing 'overview'
- Hospital avoidance
- Educational workshops



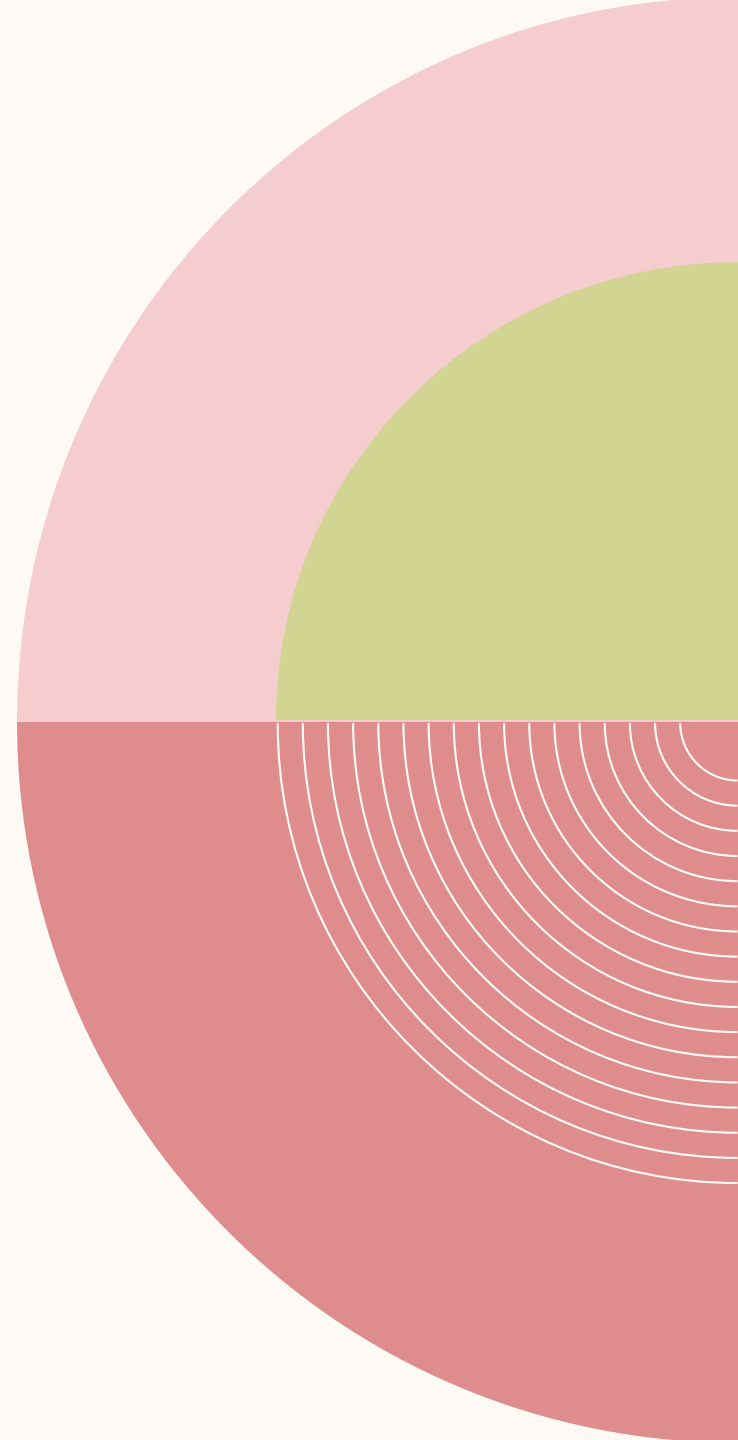
PATIENT COHORT

- Ostomates (paediatrics and adults)
- Rehabilitation patients
- Acute care including pre and post operative care
- Complex disabilities or health care needs
- Young patients approaching transition



IF IT AIN'T BROKE... DON'T FIX IT

- Stomal Therapists within hospital settings, traditional practice
- Medical governance and support
- Triage and escalate as required
- Resources
- Exceptional acute care





REINVENTING THE WHEEL

- Missed schooling to attend appointments
- Missed work for parents
- Expensive parking
- Time limitations. A lack of chronicity built into service
- Acuity of concerns
- Anxiety with hospitals and procedures
- Geographical distance travelled
- A lack of telehealth options
- NDIS and other options for funding

Most of all...

Keep children out of hospitals!

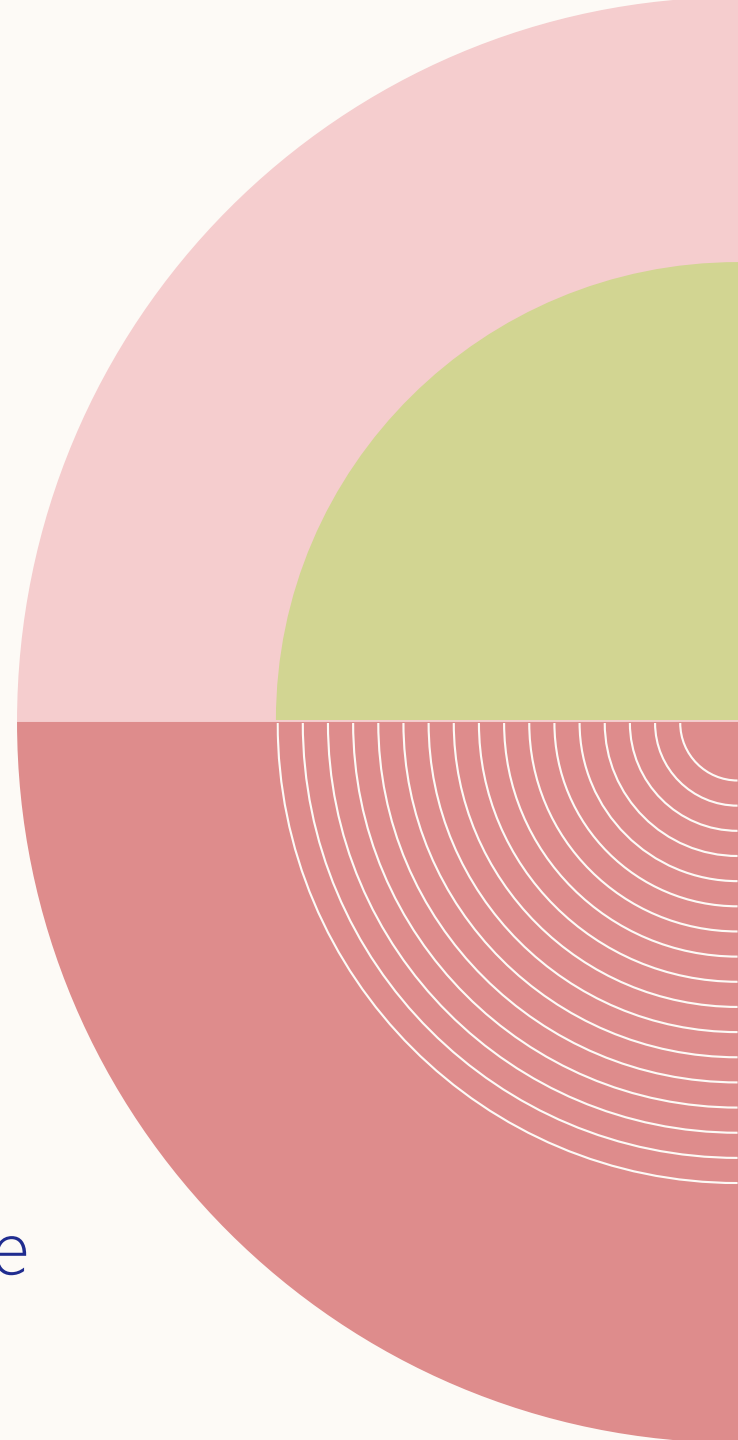
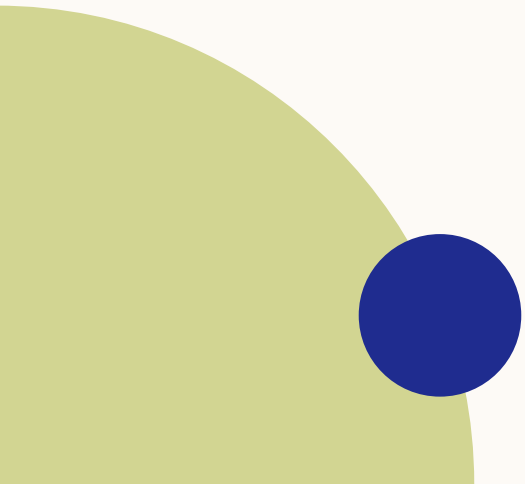
CLEAR AS MUD

- Legal obligations
- AHPRA obligations
- AASTN obligations

Difficult to obtain clear answers

Other considerations

- Conflict of interest
- Ethical practice
- Professional development
- Collaboration and networking
- Other clinicians understanding our role



KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Nurses are skilled independent clinicians!

- Power of networking
- Never be afraid to ask
- Support our peers
- Need to develop guidelines and recommendations for nurses in private practice



THANK YOU

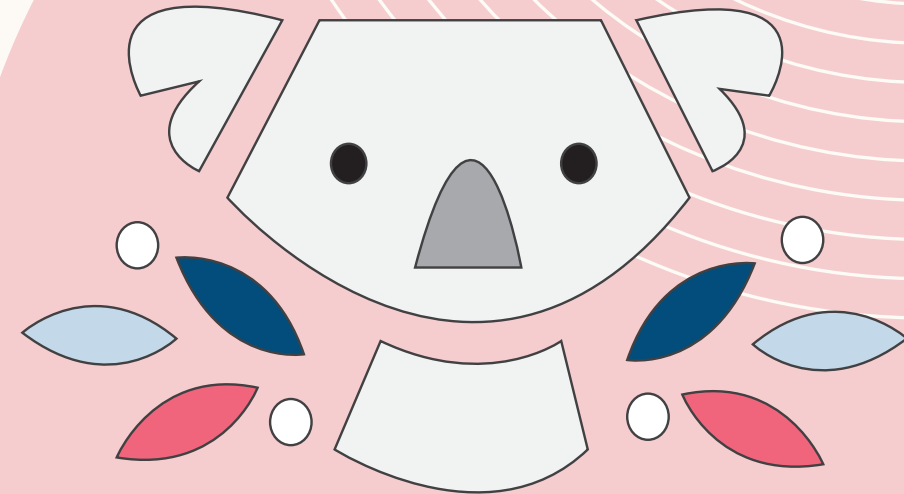
Natalie Gentile

Lisa Gyselman

admin@cnqld.com.au

www.cnqld.com.au

0438 649 309



Children's Nursing
Queensland