Supplementary Table 1. Practice and patient characteristics in the whole sample. Regular patients[a] aged 18+ years. MedicineInsight data, 2018.

Practice characteristics	% [b]	95% CI
State		
NSW	*35.5*	*30.1-41.2*
VIC	*21.7*	*17.1-27.2*
QLD	*14.4*	*10.9-18.8*
WA	*12.0*	*8.5-16.6*
TAS	*10.0*	*6.8-14.4*
SA	*2.6*	*1.4-5.0*
ACT	*2.8*	*1.3-6.1*
NT	*1.0*	*0.4-2.4*
Rurality		
Major cities	*60.5*	*54.7-66.1*
Inner regional	*25.9*	*21.1-31.4*
Outer regional/Remote	*13.5*	*10.2-17.8*
IRSAD Quintile		
Very high	*27.0*	*22.0-32.7*
High	*16.4*	*12.6-21.0*
Middle	*22.6*	*18.0-28.1*
Low	*18.8*	*11.3-18.9*
Very Low	*18.8*	*14.5-24.1*
Patient's characteristics		
Gender		
Male	*42.2*	*41.7-42.8*
Female	*57.7*	*57.1-58.2*
Age		
18-34 years	*23.0*	*22.1-23.9*
35-49 years	*23.2*	*22.6-23.9*
50-64 years	*25.1*	*24.7-25.5*
65-79 years	*15.4*	*14.9-16.0*
80+ years	*13.3*	*12.6-14.0*
Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander		
No	*76.9*	*73.9-79.6*
Yes	*2.0*	*1.1-2.3*
Not recorded	*21.1*	*18.4-24.2*
IRSAD Quintile		
Very high	*25.0*	*21.3-29.2*
High	*16.9*	*14.6-19.4*
Middle	*22.7*	*19.5-26.3*
Low	*16.5*	*13.9-19.5*
Very Low	*18.1*	*15.0-21.8*
Chronic musculoskeletal conditions [c]		
Chronic back pain	*16.6*	*15.9-17.2*
Osteoarthritis	*13.7*	*13.1-14.3*
Tenosynovitis	*6.7*	*6.4-7.1*
Osteoporosis	*4.2*	*4.0-4.4*
Gout	*4.0*	*3.8-4.1*
Rheumatoid arthritis	*0.89*	*0.85-0.94*
Fibromyalgia	*0.69*	*0.64-0.73*

Polymyalgia_rheumatica	*0.68*	*0.63-0.74*
Osteoarthrosis	*0.38*	*0.34-0.43*
Spondyloarthritis	*0.28*	*0.26-0.31*
Fatigue syndrome	*0.22*	*0.20-0.24*
Paget disease	*0.11*	*0.01-0.12*
Myofascial pain	*0.03*	*0.02-0.05*

[a] At least three consultations in any two consecutive years

[b] Values represent the distribution (prevalence) in the whole sample of regular patients aged 18+ years according to these characteristics

[e] List of chronic musculoskeletal conditions diagnosed at any time between 2011 and 2018

IRSAD: Index of Relative Socioeconomic Advantage and Disadvantage.