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MEDIA ALERT

AUSTRALIA’S PUBLIC HOSPITALS FACING A FUNDING ‘BLACK HOLE’

Launch of AMA Public Hospital Report Card 2016

10.00am, Thursday 28 January 2016, AMA NSW, St Leonards

AMA President, Professor Brian Owler, and AMA Vice President, Dr Stephen Parnis, will tomorrow release the AMA Public Hospital Report Card 2016, an AMA analysis of the performance of Australia’s public hospitals.

The AMA Report Card examines public hospital capacity; emergency department waiting and treatment times; and elective surgery waiting and treatment times. It also provides a State-by-State snapshot of performance.

Professor Owler said that the latest AMA Report Card reveals a public hospital funding ‘black hole’ as Commonwealth funding cuts hit the States and Territories.

“The cuts are already making it hard for hospitals to meet performance benchmarks, and the situation will only get worse in coming years,” Professor Owler said.

“Public hospital funding will be the biggest challenge facing State and Territory budgets.”

Professor Owler and Dr Parnis both work in public hospitals, and know first-hand the pressure faced by hospitals and hospital staff when public hospitals do not have the capacity to provide treatment efficiently and effectively to people needing acute care.

Launch of AMA Public Hospital Report Card 2016

Time: 10.00am
 Date: Thursday, 28 January 2016
 Venue: AMA NSW Conference Centre
 Ground Floor
 69 Christie Street
 ST LEONARDS NSW

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