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Seen here AMA Tasmania President A/Prof Tim Greenaway working continuously in advocating the rights and issues on behalf of all AMA Tasmania members.



**AMA Family
Doctor Week 2016**

**YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR:
INVALUABLE TO YOUR HEALTH**

Tasmanian **Health** Conference

30 JULY 2016 Medical Sciences Precinct, University of Tasmania, HOBART

Tasmanian Health Conference 2016 Program released

Have you registered yet? Are you based in the North of the State, and interested in attending the Conference but not keen to make the drive down - the Tasmanian Health Conference organising committee may have just the answer for you - why not register to come down by bus? Limited seats available, free of charge and happy to make arrangements for easy collection and drop off. Enquire **TODAY**



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New APP Shows Gaming Can be Good for School Children

Australian scientists announce gaming technology with proven results in hearing health. Helping children with their hearing has moved into the “iPad-age” meaning healthcare professionals now have a modern, fun and effective option to help treat spatial processing disorder (SPD).

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Suspend E-Health Changes until System Fixed

The AMA is calling for a moratorium on changes that will penalise general practices thousands of dollars if they do not upload patient health summaries to the My Health Record system, with less than a quarter of practices indicating they will be able to comply with new rules introduced earlier this year to the Practice Incentives Program (PIP).

The AMA has written to Health Minister Sussan Ley and Shadow Health Minister Catherine King urging them to commit to a suspension of rules that came into effect last month, under which practices that fail to upload shared health summaries for at least 0.5 per cent of their standardised whole patient equivalent each quarter are not eligible for payment under the newly-branded PIP Digital Health Incentive.

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Recent Changes to the Rehabilitation Appliances Program Schedule

The RAP assists entitled veterans, war widows and widowers and their dependents to remain as independent and self-reliant as possible in their own homes. The schedule is regularly reviewed, and the most recent review will result in a number of changes which took effect on 1 June 2016. The updated schedule, with all updated changes detailed, is available on the RAP internet site at:

<http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/provider-programs/rehabilitation-appliances-program-rap>

The changes to the schedule will include an additional range of aids to assist those members of the veteran community who are experiencing symptoms of dementia. These aids will assist in responding to the growing incidence of dementia and reflects the current classification of dementia as a national health priority and highlights the Department's commitment to addressing this health issue. The range of new dementia items includes medication timers, memory joggers, location finders and safely home bracelets. It should be noted that a number of dementia aids were previously placed on the schedule in July 2015 which included orientation clocks, calendars and signs.

A further enhancement to the schedule relates to the provision of smoke alarm packages for hearing-impaired veterans. Previously, a veteran was required to undertake two assessments prior to the supply of a smoke alarm package. From 1 June 2016, only one assessment will be required which will streamline both the referral and assessment processes. This change should result in eligible veterans being supplied with the smoke alarm package in quicker time. The schedule update

also includes a number of changes to the RAP business rules. The business rules provide a guide for health providers when undertaking assessments in respect of the supply of aids and appliances. A new business rule (Rule 13) has been added which will now require health providers to only use DVA contracted suppliers in those situations where an item is a contracted RAP item and when prior approval is not required.

Consistent with the above changes, the format of the schedule has been modified to clearly identify whether the individual item is contracted. This format change will provide detailed information to health providers on when DVA contracted suppliers are to be used. A list of all contracted suppliers can be found at:

<http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/provider-programs/rehabilitation-appliances-program-rap>

If you have any issues regarding these schedule changes, the RAP Section can be contacted by telephoning 1300 550 457 (metropolitan callers) and 1800 550 457 (non-metropolitan callers).

Endometriosis: Diagnosis and Management

Live Webinar Invitation

**For Health Professionals 21st
June 2016**

Jean Hailes for Women's Health, with the support of the Victorian State Government, is presenting a free webinar on 'Endometriosis: Diagnosis and management'. This webinar will support health professionals to further their knowledge and skills, decrease the delay in diagnosis and improve patient outcomes.

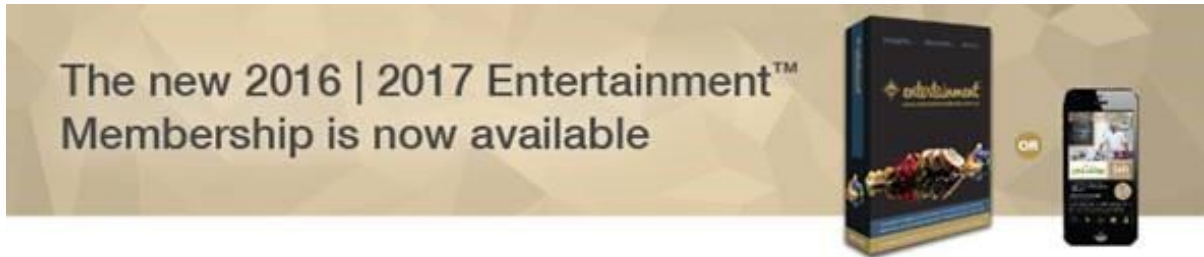


Update your knowledge on diagnosis and management of endometriosis Timely diagnosis and management of endometriosis

Endometriosis is a debilitating condition that affects 1 in 10 women, yet average diagnosis time stands between 7-10 years.

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