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**Care and Consent to Medical Treatment
Final Draft for Circulation**

Colleagues - please find a recently received copy of the updated **Care and Consent to Medical Treatment - Final Draft** for Circulation from Madeleine Ogilvie's office – bear in mind that it will be the subject of a parliamentary committee, and so there will be a lot of water to go under the bridge before anything is actually formalised. Madeleine has done her best to incorporate all suggestions for improvements while still retaining the capacity for clinical judgement to prevail.

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Call for Nominations

AMA Public Health Awards

Nominations for the AMA Public Health Awards are now open. The awards, which include the AMA Excellence in Healthcare Award, AMA Woman in Medicine Award, AMA Women's Health Award, AMA Men's Health Award, AMA Youth Health Award, and AMA Doctor in Training of the Year, will be presented at the AMA National Conference in Canberra on 27-29 May 2016.

The AMA Public Health Awards provide well-deserved recognition of the extraordinary contribution that doctors and associated health groups and individuals make to health care and public health.

The awards are:

- **The AMA Excellence in Healthcare Award.** The AMA Excellence in Healthcare Award is for an individual, not necessarily a doctor or AMA member, who has made a significant contribution to improving health or health care in Australia. The person may be involved in health awareness, health policy, or health delivery.
- **AMA Woman in Medicine Award.** The AMA Woman in Medicine Award is for a member of the AMA, who has made a major contribution to the medical profession.
- **AMA Women's Health Award.** The AMA Women's Health Award goes to a person who does not have to be an AMA member, doctor or a female but is somebody who has made a major contribution to women's health.
- **AMA Men's Health Award.** The AMA Men's Health Award goes to a person who does not have to be an AMA member, doctor or a male but is somebody who has made a major contribution to men's health.
- **AMA Youth Health Award.** The AMA Youth Health Award goes to a young person between 15-27 years who does not have to be an AMA member or doctor but has made an outstanding contribution to youth health in Australia.

- **AMA Doctor in Training of the Year Award.** The AMA Doctor in Training of the Year Award is for a doctor in training and member of the AMA, who has shown outstanding achievement in leadership and advocacy.

The selection criteria for each award can be found at ama.com.au/article/ama-public-health-awards. The closing date for nominations is Thursday 28 April 2015. Nominations can be emailed to awards@ama.com.au or call 02 6270 5400 for more information.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Have you heard?

Australian Hearing launches industry first 40-point CPD program

Australian Hearing has developed an industry-first Plan, Do, Study, Act (PDSA) program dedicated to hearing health, titled: Identifying and managing hearing loss in adults and is holding state-based events for Australian General Practitioners (GPs) to find out more.

This 40-point Quality Improvement and Continuing Professional Development (QI&CPD) program is now available to all Australian GPs and their practice teams, to complete in the final year of the 2015-2016 triennium and beyond. “General practices play a vital role in the nation’s hearing wellness.

That’s why this PDSA program is important in helping practices identify and manage hearing loss in patients,” said Wendy Pearce, Head of Clinical Support, Australian Hearing. “This education program is ideal for those GPs wanting to expand their hearing related knowledge and then putting it into practice.

It’s also ideal for GPs who may have a high number of mature aged patients, given that sixty percent of the population over sixty years has a hearing loss.”

Once GPs have completed Identifying and managing hearing loss in adults, they will be recognised as having completed 40 self-directed Category 1 points.

Through the Identifying and managing hearing loss in adults PDSA activity, GPs and their practice teams can benefit by:

- Increasing their knowledge in hearing and, in turn, improve the services offered to patients
- Helping their patients take early action on hearing loss and as a result, improve their quality of life

- Gaining 40 points towards professional development and completing a Category 1 quality improvement activity
- Using the activity for their practice accreditation

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A Perspective from Rosalie Woodruff

Liberal Gouging Responsible for Tassie's Health Mess

The combined effect of the Federal and State Liberal governments has meant a loss of hundreds of millions of dollars from Tasmania's health system.

The Federal government's own estimates are that Tasmania will be taking home at least \$52M less a year from 1 July 2017. The State Liberals have cut \$160M since they came to office.

The "new spends" in health that Minister Ferguson proclaims are just the result of shifting money sideways.

This goes a long way to explaining why our hospitals are in crisis.

Minister Ferguson tries to peddle the myth that the health system is a bloated problem that can never be solved, but a huge part of the problem are his own government's cuts.

In 2011, the Gillard Government signed up to the National Health Reform Agreement, which meant the Commonwealth would fund half of all state health costs.

The federal Abbott Liberals tore that up in 2014, and now Prime Minister Turnbull seems to be proposing to take out yet another \$400M nationally.

Tasmania will be the sorest losers under Turnbull's model because our population growth is low and our hospital demand is growing at about twice the national average.

We are older, sicker and poorer on average than the big states. Minister Ferguson and the Premier need to stand up for Tasmanians now and do whatever they can to reverse the Liberal Health gouge.

Rosalie Woodruff MP | Greens Health spokesperson

**Interviews available with
JDRF and Diabetes Australia**

**Two in Three People do not Always Check their
Blood Glucose as Recommended by their GP**

During World Health Day last week, it was revealed that the number of adults living with diabetes has quadrupled worldwide in under four decades to 422 million. Within Australia, approximately 3.61 million people live with diabetes or pre-diabetes.

On top of last week's findings, we now have the results of a recent survey that investigated the current blood glucose monitoring habits of people with Type 1 and insulin-treated Type 2 Diabetes.

The YourSay: Glucose Monitoring Survey, commissioned by Abbott in partnership with Diabetes Australia and JDRF, found that:

- One-third of Australians living with diabetes feel like 'robots' monitoring their blood glucose levels
- 2 in 3 people do not always check their blood glucose as recommended by their GP
- Glucose monitoring survey finds people with Type 1, and insulin-treated Type 2 Diabetes are tired of having to check their levels
- Only half of people feel that their current method of glucose monitoring gives them freedom in everyday life
- Over 60% of people wish they could take time off from monitoring

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RACMA Autumn Professional Development Forum

In 2016, The Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators established a new Learning and Teaching Centre with the aim of strengthening their range of CPD programs. As the professional development landscape for medical practitioners in Australia and New Zealand continues to change, RACMA recognises the need to provide increased support for all those working in medical management and for those aspiring to become medical leaders.

The RACMA Learning and Teaching Centre aims to host four key professional learning events ('seasonal forums') each year. The launch of the Autumn Professional Development Forum will take place 19 - 21 May 2016 in Melbourne. It will offer a range of practical workshops and plenaries in a flexible program and is open to all clinicians. Members from all Australasian medical specialty colleges are welcome to participate. The Forum registration website is available for you to view the program and to register at [WEBSITE](#)

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