



Grattan Institute Report An Unfair Attack on GP's Over Chronic Disease Care

The recently released Grattan Institute report, Chronic failure in primary care, is an unfair attack on Australia's hardworking GPs, according to the AMA. Chair of the AMA Council of General Practice (AMACGP), Dr. Brian Morton, said that the Report paints an unduly pessimistic picture of the care that GPs are providing to patients with complex and chronic disease.

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AMA puts Spotlight on the Benefits of a Career in General Practice

The AMA launched the new AMA Vision for General Practice in Training 2016 at the annual AMA Trainee Forum, which was conducted in Melbourne recently. The Forum, which hosts doctors in

training and trainee representatives from across the country, was this year attended by more than 40 young doctors, some of whom are destined for a career in general practice.

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National Coeliac Awareness Week 13-20 March

General practitioners are the focus of a new campaign designed to increase significantly the diagnose rates of coeliac disease in Australia. The autoimmune disorder affects 1 in 70 of the population, but only 20 per cent of Australians with coeliac disease are diagnosed. Coeliac Australia will launch the Consider Coeliac Disease campaign during Coeliac Awareness Week 13-20 March 2016.

Dr Jason Tye-Din, Chair of Coeliac Australia's Medical Advisory Committee, says the extraordinary rise in popularity of the gluten-free diet has important medical implications that should not be missed by doctors at the front line of patient care.

A new video Diagnosing Coeliac Disease – A Brief Guide for GPs covers the key points in the work-up of coeliac disease and will be available on the [Coeliac Australia website](#) along with other resources for GPs from March 1st.

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Ambulance Tasmania

Ambulance Tasmania Early Access Defibrillation Program (EADP) is hoping to recruit GPs to consider enrolling in the program. [PROGRAM OUTLINE](#). An enrolment form can be downloaded by clicking on the link provided below.

Ambulance Tasmania can provide on request information about nearby cardiac arrests and other incidents where the victim may benefit from use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Use this form if you have read the Early Access to Defibrillation Program Information Sheet and wish to subscribe to this information service. If you have more than one AED, please select the option to start this form again once you have submitted information for the first AED.

[DOWNLOAD THE ENROLMENT FORM HERE](#)

AMA Council of Doctors in Training

AMA CDiT

Update for Members

Patrick Galloway, the AMA Tasmanian representative to AMA Council of Doctors in Training, attended the AMA CDiT over the weekend just gone in Melbourne, continuing the good work of Dr Alastair Park, the previous Tas representative.

Discussions held covered vocational training, the recent intern review, and issues affecting DiTs nationwide.

Patrick would be interested in hearing from any DiTs or medical practitioners who would like to contribute to the Tasmanian DiT council.

We encourage anyone from across the state to get involved, from interns to senior registrars and provisional fellows. He can be contacted through Nadine at comms@amatas.com.au.

Digital Version Released of the Paediatric Injectable Guidelines 5th Edition

The key feature of the 5th Edition is the introduction of Plasma-Lyte 148 compatibility information with concentration caveats for over 70 intravenous therapeutic drugs. [Paediatric Injectable Guidelines 5th Edition](#).

“Ensuring Plasma-Lyte 148 compatibility data was available from a desktop or a mobile device to coincide with the introduction of a new fluid this month at the Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne (RCH), was a key driver in delivering this latest update.

It is very rewarding to see how collaboration between the pharmacists at RCH and our production team at MedicalDirector can rapidly deliver essential new information for healthcare professionals”, said Diana Biscopoulos, Managing Editor of MedicalDirector Publishing and Knowledge. With content created by The Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne (RCH), a leader in paediatric healthcare, the latest edition builds upon the popular 4th Edition.



Event - iDEA - April 15 - 17 2016 - Annual national conference of Doctors for the Environment Australia.

Bringing together medical professionals and students from across Australia and beyond, iDEA unites people with one common goal – to address the human health impacts of environment and climate change. Delegates of the conference, over the course of a weekend, hear from engaging and knowledgeable speakers and engage with their peers to discuss how to address some of the biggest health concerns of our time. This year's theme is Protecting our Future - registration is now open at <http://ideaconference2016.com/registration/>



Event: Medivision April 23-24, University of Tasmania Medical Sciences Precinct, Menzies Research Institute 17 Liverpool Street, Hobart. Medivision is an annual student-run medical research symposium held for two days in Hobart, tailored to both medical students, doctors and medical researchers. Designed to inspire delegates into research, and revolves around the theme "Humanity in research, research in action". The audience will hear from both domestic and international guests who have made an impact through their careers' work.

Speakers will talk not only about their research but more importantly what motivated them into research and the paths they took to get involved. We hope that delegates leave feeling educated, inspired, and with a new-found sense of purpose to their actions. In addition to inspirational talks,

Medivision 2016 will play host to two workshops, a rapid-fire thesis session from early-career researchers, and a cocktail evening to provide delegates with an opportunity to meet the speakers. We are excited to announce that 2009 Nobel Prize in Chemistry winner Ada Yonath (Israel) will be delivering a keynote address. Joining her will be, among others, Professor Merlin Thomas (The Baker Institute), Professor Mammen Chandy (India), and Tasmania's Dr. Joy Rathjen. Tickets on sale from March 1. Any enquiries can be forwarded to Medivision.Hobart@utas.edu.au

Event: 27 & 28 May 2016 – [AMA National Conference](#) - Canberra

Event: Saturday 30th July 2016 - Tasmanian Health Conference.

Communities of Health – It takes a village to make a healthy State.

After the success of the 2015 Tasmanian Health Conference, we are once again providing the Tasmanian health sector with the opportunity to meet and discuss current issues in 2016. The Conference will be held at the Medical Sciences Precinct (Menzies Centre), Hobart on Saturday 30 July 2016.



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