



## Medical students welcome Federal Government investment in rural medical workforce

The Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) is pleased to see the Government investing constructively in the rural health workforce by enhancing rural training pathways.

The Federal Government announced nearly \$100 million in rural medical workforce initiatives in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, with most activities commencing in 2017 and up until 2018-19.

Pre-existing Rural Clinical Schools will become regional medical training hubs. There will be 240 rotations in general practice settings for rurally-based intern doctors, equal to roughly 60 full-time equivalent new internships. There is also an expansion nearly 100 specialist training places in rural areas over the next three years. [READ MORE](#)

## Tasmanian Medical Collection

**- urgent need of new storage/display**

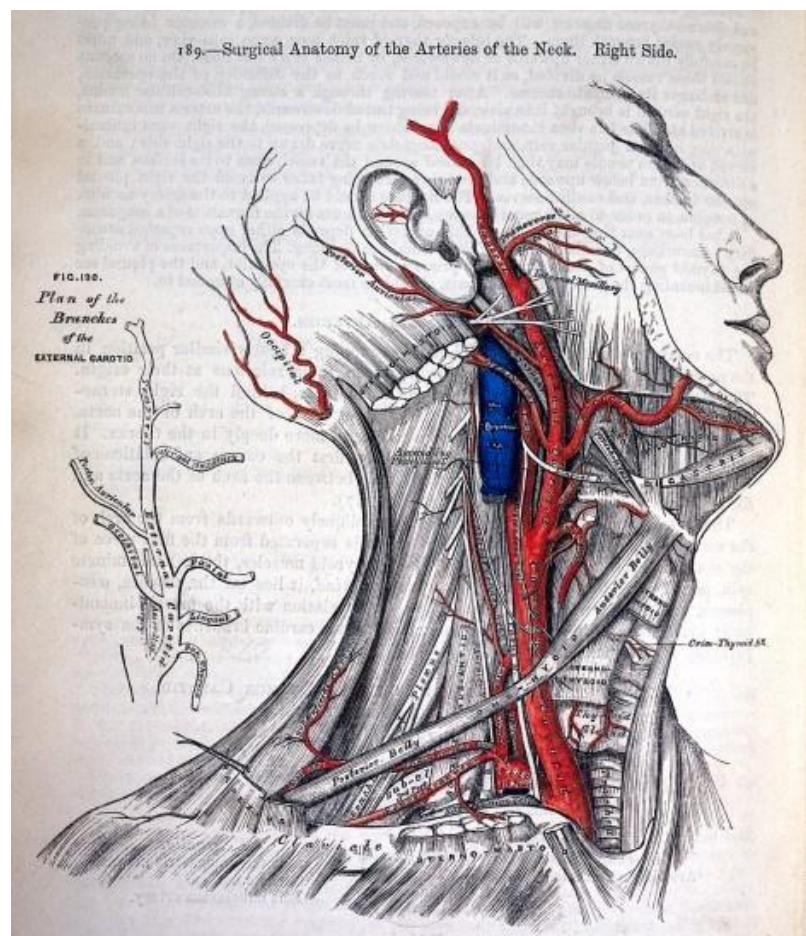
PRECIOUS Tasmanian medical memorabilia and equipment is facing an uncertain future because the current space kindly made available by St John's Hospital South Hobart will shortly be repurposed.

Dr Philip Thomson manager/curator of the Tasmanian Medical Collection and Museum together with AMA Tasmania is appealing to members to step forward and help find an alternative.

The collection featuring historical information including a comprehensive collection of antiquarian books, classic medical texts, medical equipment, miscellaneous medical paraphernalia and surgical instruments some dating back to 1840 is all currently stored in over 100 boxes at the hospital. Ideally, a larger storage area than can double as a museum is preferred with volunteers to assist in curation and assessment also needed.

Can you help the AMA? Philip can be contacted at the Cascade Medical Centre

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## Greater Transparency needed with Private Health Insurance Products - AMA Submission to the Government's Private Health Insurance (PHI) Reviews

The AMA has lodged its submission to the Government's Private Health Insurance (PHI) Review. AMA President, Professor Brian Owler, said today that too many people are finding out, often too late, that their private health insurance policies are not covering them for many common procedures. [READ MORE](#)



Event: **Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA)** – Tasmanian Branch Masterclass: Diabetes and Pregnancy. With a focus on initiatives as well as practical strategies based on research dedicated to identify, treat and support women with diabetes in pregnancy. Registration is now open. **Date:** Friday 11 March 2016 **Venue:** Best Western Hobart, 156 Bathurst Street, Hobart, **Closing dates:** Early bird registration available until 31 January 2016; registrations close 6 March 2016. A copy of the program for the day is available on the [event webpage](#)

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