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Tasmanian **Health** Conference

**29 JULY 2017** Medical Sciences Precinct, University of Tasmania, HOBART

**HOW IS YOUR UPCOMING ROSTER?**

The Medical Practitioners award requires that rosters be drawn up at least four weeks in advance. This roster should not change unless it's an emergency.

However, the hospital can change the roster with two weeks' notice. If it is less than two weeks' notice, you are entitled to penalty rates of 125% for the first four hours and 200% thereafter.

### **HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE CORRECT NOTICE OR PAYMENT OF PENALTY RATE?**

If not, we have lodged a complaint with the THS and now the Department of Health. We will soon take this to the Tasmanian Industrial Commission if we do not receive an appropriate response.

We are happy to follow up on members who have not received their entitlements. In the first instance, contact the pay office asking them to correct the error. If you do not receive an appropriate response just contact the office with details of the roster, the notice received and response (if any) from payroll. For non-members, they would need to join.

## **FACILITY FEES**

It is widely known the **MBS** freeze is hurting general practice. The costs of running a practice are rising, so it is inevitable that patients will increasingly face gaps because of the **MBS** freeze.

The **AMA** regularly publishes information to members about billing under Medicare and is ready to provide advice to members who find that bulk billing is no longer sustainable because of the impact of Government policy.

## **INVITATION TO AMA TAS GP MEMBERS**

You are invited to participate in a study that aims to investigate dental-related issues presenting to general medical practices in Australia.

Participation is simple and involves completion of an online questionnaire. The questionnaire will take approximately 5 -10 minutes to complete, and it is accessible from the following link:

**[DENTISTRY SURVEY DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE](#)**

Approval to conduct this research has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of Western Australia. For more information about the study, please contact me. Thank you for your interest, and we look forward to your response.

*Prof. Paul V. Abbott AO Winthrop Professor of Clinical Dentistry Endodontist  
Program Co-ordinator (Endodontics) School of Dentistry*

## POSITION VACANT

Due to the expansion of **Tasmanian Spine Services**, two positions have become available for General Practitioners interested in expanding their skill set as an assessing doctor and surgical assistant.

This service functions as a multi-disciplinary centre with regular multi-disciplinary meetings. All necessary training will be provided, and the position is well supported by our neurosurgeons, in an excellent clinical and working environment.

For those who have an interest in developing assessing and surgical assistance expertise, please forward applications with resumes to Rhonda Sharples. E-Mail: [practicemanager@tasmanianspineservice.com.au](mailto:practicemanager@tasmanianspineservice.com.au) or Phone: 03 6228 3777

## EVENTS



*Pictured here Darren Sheen and Craig Green of Dobson Mitchell Allport presenting one of the AMA Tasmania excellent workshops recently staged at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. More information on the workshops for 2017 is available by emailing our office.*



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MENZIES   
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## Menzies Public Talk

# Oxygen Needed, Oxygen Delivered

## The research and technology helping premature babies

The ability to breathe normally is often the biggest challenge facing premature babies, many of whom need respiratory support including oxygen therapy for some time after birth. Research based in Tasmania combining the fields of neonatology and biomedical engineering is breaking new ground, with a trial under way that uses smart technology to help control the amount oxygen delivered to premature babies, setting them on their way to breathing independently. With refinement, further validation and likely industry uptake, this work has the potential to make a worldwide impact in neonatal clinical care.




Find out more about this research at the first Menzies Public Talk for 2017.

Where: University of Tasmania Medical Science Precinct, 17 Liverpool St, Hobart When: Wednesday March 22nd, 6pm-7pm.  
Tea and coffee available from 5.30pm.

To register: Phone 6226 -7700 or [click here to register online](#)

### Speakers:

Professor Peter Dargaville, Menzies researcher and neonatologist at the Royal Hobart Hospital  
Dr Tim Gale, Biomedical Engineer, University of Tasmania  
Ms Melinda Cruz, CEO, Miracle Babies Foundation



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17 - 23 SEPTEMBER 2017

## PERSONALISED HEALTH CARE – EVOLVING HEALTH CARE NEEDS THROUGH THE CYCLE OF LIFE

Doctors, practice managers, registered nurses and other medical industry professionals from around Australia are invited to attend the *Annual AMA Queensland Conference* in Rome.

The program will feature high-profile European and Australian speakers on a range of medical leadership and clinical topics. RACGP points will be on offer.

To find out more about the conference program or to register, please contact:

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Download a conference brochure from the events calendar at [www.amaq.com.au](http://www.amaq.com.au)

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- [AMA WELCOMES APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR JULIE QUINLIVAN TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REVIEW](#)
- [LEAKS IN TRAINING PIPELINE LOSE DOCTORS FOR RURAL AND REMOTE AUSTRALIA](#)

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