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Tasmanian **Health** Conference

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

CHANGES TO PATIENT ACCESS FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICINES CONTAINING CODEINE

FROM 1ST FEBRUARY 2018

Over-the-counter medicines for pain relief and cough containing codeine will be available by prescription only. The rescheduling decision was made by the TGA based on evidence regarding a lack of additional efficacy compared with medicines without codeine and evidence of harms associated with their use.

Rationale for this decision can be found on the TGA website. To support the change, the TGA has developed a Codeine Information Hub to provide regularly updated information and resources for health professionals and the public about the decision. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has convened the Codeine Rescheduling Implementation Group (CRIG) to prepare GPs, pharmacists and the

tertiary system in Tasmania for issues relating to the rescheduling. These include pain management and addiction issues.

Membership of the CRIG includes representatives from ATDC, Australasian College of Emergency Medicine, AMA, Australian Pain Society, Painaustralia, Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, Pharmacy Guild of Australia, PHT, RACGP, RDATE, and THS. Activities and resources to support GPs will be provided. Useful videos to support communicating with patients about pain and the harms associated with opioids such as codeine can be found on the Painaustralia website.

For more information, please contact Dr Scott McKeown, Public Health Services at scott.mckeown@dhhs.tas.gov.au.

SAVE THE ROYAL

SAVE THE ROYAL CAMPAIGN - CHANGE.ORG PETITION

In just over one month since rolling out the Save the Royal Change.org petition, there are now over 600 signatures and comments. It is not too late to add your support or encourage the support of your patients.

Please use this link to sign the Save the Royal petition by adding your signature and encouraging the public to add theirs to the [Change.org Petition for the Save the Royal Campaign](#).

Please circulate widely to any non-AMA colleagues, family and friends who may also wish to also support the RHH by signing.

OTHER LOBBYING OPTIONS EMAIL THE MINISTER DIRECTLY WITH THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE

"Waiting extended periods for health care leads to poor health outcomes. Without enough beds and enough nurses and doctors to staff them, Tasmanians who need health care at the Royal Hobart Hospital face the risk of long and possibly dangerous delays in treatment. Tell the Minister for Health that Tasmanians deserve a well-resourced health system": michael.ferguson@parliament.tas.gov.au

By encouraging your patients to lobby Minister Ferguson, we can together drive the Save the Royal Campaign. Other options for lobbying include - liking and following the [Save the Royal Campaign Facebook page](#).

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CERVICAL SCREENING

INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NATIONAL CERVICAL SCREENING PROGRAM

On 23 February 2017, I announced the delay of the National Cancer Screening Register implementation and the subsequent delay of the renewed National Cervical Screening Program from 1 May to 1 December 2017.

The implementation of the renewed National Cervical Screening Program, with the new Cervical Screening Test, is contingent upon a high quality nationally consistent register to provide a safety net for women to ensure they get the follow-up they need. The decision to delay was taken in consultation with, and support from the Australian Medical Association, the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine.

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[FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS](#)

EVENTS

Dr Jerome Muir Wilson and Dr Jaclyn O'Keefe invite you to

Launceston Health Hub Grand Opening

Location

Level 1, 247 Wellington Street
Launceston, 7250

Date

Friday 16 June 2017

Time

6:30 pm



Food

Canapes & drinks provided

RSVP

Monday 12 June 2017

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At Tasmanian Leaders we develop leaders who are committed to shaping a successful future for our State.

We do this primarily through the Tasmanian Leaders Program; a unique life-changing leadership development experience that achieves positive outcomes for participants and their employers. Applications for our next year's program are now open. High potential leaders wanting to accelerate their leadership capacity by being challenged and inspired through interactive and reflective learning are invite to apply.

The Program, delivered from February to December, brings participants together at regular intervals to explore Tasmania's future and undertake professional development with some of the country's best leadership practitioners.

A promotional flyer for the Tasmanian Leaders Program. The top section features a photo of a man in a suit and the text 'TAKE YOUR LEADERSHIP TO THE NEXT LEVEL APPLY FOR THE 2018 TASMANIAN LEADERS PROGRAM'. Below this, the flyer is divided into several sections: 'THE TASMANIAN LEADERS PROGRAM' (describing the program's goals and structure), 'The program aims to:' (listing objectives like enhancing performance and offering career opportunities), 'Who should apply?' (listing criteria like being a high potential leader), 'Applicants must:' (listing requirements like being a Tasmanian resident), 'By becoming a participant in TLP, you can expect:' (listing benefits like networking and skill development), and 'By sponsoring a participant on the program organisations can expect:' (listing benefits like increased productivity and leadership development). The bottom section includes 'NEXT STEPS...' and a call to action to apply online or via email, with a deadline of Monday 10 October. Logos for sponsors like Tasmanian Government, University of Tasmania, and others are at the bottom.

This formula is proven to increase leadership capacity, general business acumen and community awareness of all participants. Part of the secret to the program's success lies in the diversity of participants, who learn as much from each other in a stimulating action learning environment, as they do from the formal content. This helps break down silos, encourage divergent thinking and builds cross sectoral relationships. If you would like to know more, please download an information pack and application form at the Tasmanian Leaders website, www.tasmanianleaders.org.au.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- [NATIONAL MATERNITY SERVICES FRAMEWORK FACING A DIFFICULT BIRTH](#)
- [DONATIONS TO AMA INDIGENOUS MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP NOW TAX DEDUCTIBLE](#)
- [PRELIMINARY REPORT HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR REFORM OF AFTER-HOURS PRIMARY CARE SERVICES](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2017

- 22 June - Thursday Northern Division Meeting - 7 pm for a meal and 7.30pm start - 3rd Floor Meeting Room at the Launceston General Hospital DTBC
- 24 - 26 June – Friday to Sunday – Federal AMA Council of GP's

July 2017

- 8 - 23 July - School Holidays
- 11 July - Tuesday - Southern Division Meeting – 6 pm Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. Light finger food and some drinks will be provided
- 27 July - Thursday Northern Division Meeting - 7 pm for a meal and 7.30pm start - 3rd Floor Meeting Room at the Launceston General Hospital
- 29 July – Saturday - Tasmanian Health Conference Menzies Centre Hobart. DTBC
- 29 & 30 July – Council of DiT Federal

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