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## DEFIBRILLATOR

### INFANT/CHILD REDUCED ENERGY DEFIBRILLATION ELECTRODES

Consumers and health professionals are advised that the TGA is urgently working with sponsor Physio-Control to address an issue involving Infant/Child Reduced Energy Defibrillation Electrodes.

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## UTAS UPDATE

### FUTURE OF MBBS IN TASMANIA

Recently members were invited via an informal platform to provide feedback to assist fellow members John Davis and John Burgess and CEO Tony Steven in their ongoing discussions with UTAS about future directions. It came as no surprise that many members feel very passionately about this and an excellent number of responses were received. To view a copy of the final questions recently posed to UTAS please [CLICK](#) here. Further updates on progress will be made available as it comes to hand.



## READING

- [COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE - Value and affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs](#)
- [ABS SURVEY SHOWS THAT AUSTRALIA'S GPs ARE IN BIG DEMAND AND PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY CARE](#)
- [AUSTRALIA DELIVERS HEALTHY VOTE FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY – TIME TO LEGISLATE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION](#)

## ADVERTISING

### WHAT ARE THE CLINICAL INDICATIONS FOR EAR WAX REMOVAL?

Clinicians should diagnose cerumen impaction when an accumulation of cerumen, as seen on otoscopy, is associated with symptoms, prevents needed assessment of the ear, or both. Other factors that may modify cerumen impaction management include anticoagulant therapy, immunocompromised state, diabetes mellitus, prior radiation therapy to the head and neck, ear canal stenosis, exostoses, and non-intact tympanic membrane.



- **EARWORX**, your local dedicated professional ear wax removal service, removes ear wax using gentle micro suction technology under direct

observation. Qualified registered nurses are trained to assess and manage ear wax and can assist with routine wax removal, where a dry technique is preferred, or with removal of debris related to infection to allow for better penetration of prescribed ear drops.

- **EARWORX** is open full time including every second Saturday and is able to see all ages. If for some reason direct vision cannot be maintained,
- **EARWORX** does not proceed with wax removal and may recommend a visit to an ENT where the procedure can be performed using a microscope. If wax is very dry softening may be necessary prior to removal to avoid trauma to the ear canal. A complimentary return visit is provided following a period of softening. Where safe to do so, please encourage all patients to soften their earwax prior to their appointment.
- **EARWORX** is a St Lukes Health provider; a health care rebate is available for this service. If patients are found to have no wax in their ears, a 50% reduced rate applies.



**Director and founder Lisa Hellwege is keen to meet with AMA members to discuss her business and how it can complement general practice services.**

Located 181 Harrington St Hobart, bookings can be made [ONLINE](#) or phone: 0475841033.

\*Schwartz et al. 2017, Clinical Practice Guideline (Update): Earwax (Cerumen Impaction), Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Vol 156 (1S) S1-S29

## EVENTS

**PLIMSOLL GALLERY invitation**

This exhibition is based on research led by Dr Jennifer Ayton from the University of Tasmania (UTAS) School of Medicine-Public Health, and her desire to return the research to the community in a very different way.

- Floor talk: Dr Jennifer Ayton, 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Opening night: Friday 24th November, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- On opening night there will be live performances
- Exhibition dates: Friday 24 November - Thursday 30 November, 2017 Gallery Hours: Wed - Mon 12pm - 5pm (during exhibitions) Closed Tuesdays and Public holidays



Plimsoll Gallery, School of the Creative Arts, Hunter St, Hobart

## DATES

### NOVEMBER 2017

- 23 November - Thursday Northern Division Meeting - 7 pm for a meal and 7.30 pm start - 3rd Floor Meeting Room at the Launceston General Hospital

### DECEMBER 2017

- 1 December - Friday - Devonport Show (Devonport Only)
- 5 December - ASMOF Federal Council
- 21 December - School Holidays commence
- 22 December - AMA Tasmania office closes for Christmas Break
- 25 December - Monday - Christmas Day
- 26 December - Tuesday - Boxing Day
- ***Please note - No Northern, Southern or North West Divisional Meetings this month***

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