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JUDGMENTS

Commonwealth

11 April 2014 - [Tamara King by her next friend Kevin King v Sydney West Local Health District \[2014\] HCATrans 78](#)

This was a special leave application to the High Court of Australia. The issue was one of factual causation - whether the failure by the respondent to administer Varicella-Zoster Immunoglobulin (VZIG) to the appellant's mother created or increased the risk that the appellant would suffer Congenital Varicella Syndrome. The primary judge, Justice Garling, found that it was not established, on probabilities, that the appellant would not have so suffered if VZIG had been administered, it was merely possible. A majority of the Court of Appeal dismissed the appellant's appeal. The High Court saw no reason to doubt the correctness of that decision. Special leave was refused with costs.

South Australia

17 April 2014 - [Finding of Inquest into the death of Cynthia Joy Werner 8/2013 \(19889/2010\)](#)

This was a finding of Inquest into the death of Cynthia Joy Werner in the Coroner's Court of South Australia. The cause of death was colchicine toxicity. Colchicine is a naturally occurring substance derived from a plant and is predominately used for the treatment of gout.

The deceased was a 76 year old resident of a nursing home who suffered, amongst other things, acute attacks of gout for which she was co-prescribed colchicine and allopurinol. This is considered accepted professional practice and was not criticised by the Coroner.

At the time of her death, the deceased was taking colchicine at 500mg three times a day. A locum doctor was called to see the deceased and ordered the cessation of the colchicine but the patient died the next morning. An autopsy report noted her blood contained colchicine at a level of .025mg per litre which was reported to be a potentially lethal dose.

One of the experts who gave evidence was of the opinion that it was not widely appreciated within the medical profession how toxic colchicine can be. The Coroner also noted that there is some confusion in the published guidelines about the recommended dosage of colchicine.

The Coroner recommended that the Minister for Health take appropriate steps to draw to the attention of the medical community the issues with respect to the potential toxicity in the use of colchicine and the fact that there appear to be discrepancies in some of the publications related to dosage.

17 April 2014 - [Finding of Inquest into the death of Charles Andrew Tabb 13/2013 \(0450/2011\)](#)

Death in custody - death from multi organ failure due to pancreatitis and generalised varicella zoster virus infection, due to immunodeficiency due to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

10 April 2014 - [Pharmacy Board of Australia v Lagos \[2014\] SAHPT 3](#)

Complainant alleges that the respondent behaved in a way that constitutes professional misconduct - respondent entered a plea of guilty in the Magistrates Court to three counts, two counts involving breaches of s 18 of the *Controlled Substances Act 1984* and one count involving a breach of reg 14 of the *Controlled Substances (Poisons) Regulations 1996* - Convictions were recorded on all three counts - A period of imprisonment of fourteen months was imposed such period of imprisonment being suspended upon the respondent entering into a bond to be of good behaviour in the sum of \$500 for a period of two years - In addition a fine of \$1,500 was imposed - At the hearing of this matter the respondent admitted that the three grounds alleged in the Complaint constituted professional misconduct - Respondent currently on the register of pharmacists but conditions are imposed on his registration - Complainant submits that due to the respondent's admissions the appropriate public protection and the aims of the discipline can be achieved by a reprimand - That the respondent be retrospectively suspended for the twelve month period he was off work - That in the circumstances that prevail a further period of suspension will not be imposed - That the current conditions continue to apply to the respondent's registration for twelve months and then be reviewed by the complainant - That the respondent make a contribution towards the complainant's costs of and incidental to the within proceedings - Held: The conduct set out in the Complaint constitutes

professional misconduct - Ordinarily a period of suspension would be imposed but given the respondent's time out of practice, the supporting psychiatric evidence, the admissions of professional misconduct and the efforts towards rehabilitation a further period of suspension will not be imposed - The current conditions continue to apply to the respondent's registration for a further twelve months and are then to be reviewed by the complainant - The respondent to make a contribution towards the complainant's costs of and incidental to the within proceedings fixed at 30% of the costs to either be agreed or in default of agreement to be taxed - The payment of costs to be deferred for a period of twelve calendar months from the date of this order - S 193 *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (South Australia) Act 2010*.

Tasmania

24 March 2014 - *Tasmanian Board of the Medical Board of Australia v Dr David Edis (Ref No 4/2013) [2014] TASHPT 1*

This was an application by the Medical Board to the Tasmanian Health Practitioners Tribunal for a determination that the conduct of a surgeon amounted to professional misconduct.

The surgeon was to perform surgery at level C3/4 of the patient's spine in an endeavour to alleviate the neck pain experienced by the patient. A post-operative x-ray revealed a pedicle screw fixation of the C2/3 level and the laminectomy, as well as the removal of the C3 spinus process. The surgeon failed to disclose to the patient or to others treating the patient, that he had undertaken surgery at the wrong level of the cervical spine.

The Tribunal found that the deceptive post-operative dealings amounted to professional misconduct because it fell below the basic tenet required of the medical profession to be forthright, open and honest in the performance of professional duties. In determining the sanctions to be imposed, the Tribunal considered that the surgeon had excessive work demands, did not have a healthy lifestyle balance, had a lack of peer professional network to support him and was under considerable stress to support his wife and young family.

The Tribunal reprimanded the surgeon, suspending his registration for one month. The Tribunal also imposed conditions on the surgeon's registration for two years, including mandatory reporting of any adverse events, random audits of patient records, peer review audit of management complications every 6 months, conferral with a mentor and completion of a Process Communication Module within 12 months.

Australian Capital Territory

17 April 2014 - *Kenjar v Australian Capital Territory [2014] ACTSC 69*

Procedure – pleadings – amendments – application by plaintiff to amend Statement of Claim – action for damages for medical negligence – expert report did not provide sufficient evidentiary basis for proposed amendments – not appropriate to grant leave. Procedure – discovery – list of documents – classes of documents – documents included in a class of documents must be described in sufficient detail.

New South Wales

23 April 2014 - *Cousins v Ambulance Service of New South Wales [2014] NSWCATAD 48*
Government information - form of access - proper construction of s 72(2)(d) - whether there is an overriding public interest in the disclosure of the information in the way requested by the applicant - whether access to the requested information, in the form requested, would interfere unreasonably with the operations of the agency - whether listening to the recording of the information at the offices of the respondent is an alternative form of access.

17 April 2014 - *Saadi v Dental Council of NSW [2014] NSWCATOD 36* Dentist - unsatisfactory professional conduct.

16 April 2014 - *Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC) v Black [2014] NSWCATOD 35*

Health practitioner regulation - interlocutory application to stay/dismissal application - prior criminal proceedings - issue estoppel, res judicata, autrefois acquit - abuse of process - prejudice due to destruction of exhibits from earlier criminal proceedings - whether complaint already dealt with by HCCC - role of experts from prior criminal proceedings.

15 April 2014 - [Dr A and Local Health District \[2014\] NSWIRComm 18](#)

Appeal - application by medical practitioner for leave to appeal and appeal from a decision revoking non-publication orders made under s 164A of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* - Interlocutory proceedings - stay sought of orders under appeal - respondent not opposed to stay - if stay not granted appeal likely to be rendered nugatory - arguable appeal grounds - stay granted.

11 April 2014 - [Application by Michael Bar-Mordecai \[2014\] NSWSC 414](#) Procedure - *Vexatious Proceedings Act 2008* - application for leave to institute proceedings - ordinary procedure - whether proceedings to be instituted vexatious or lack prima facie ground - proceedings vexatious - no matter of general principle.

8 April 2014 - [Health Care Complaints Commission v Dr Della Bruna \[2014\] NSWCATOD 31](#) Doctor - unsatisfactory professional conduct; professional misconduct.

Queensland

17 April 2014 - [Wolverson v Todman; Wolverson v Lisle & Ors \[2014\] QDC 83](#) Limitation of actions - extension or postponement of limitation periods - extension of time in personal injuries matters - generally - where plaintiff applies under s 31 of the *Limitations of Actions Act 1974* for extension of limitation period - where defendant neurologist and radiologists alleged to have failed to diagnose pre-existing condition - where claim brought outside the limitation period.

Victoria

16 April 2014 - [Christian Youth Camps Limited & Ors v Cobaw Community Health Services & Ors \[2014\] VSCA 75](#) Discrimination law - refusal to provide accommodation - whether refusal 'on the basis of sexual orientation - accommodation provider was corporation - whether refusal was conduct of corporation or of accommodation manager - whether liability of corporation direct or vicarious - accommodation provider affiliated with Christian Brethren religion - whether provider 'established for religious purposes' - whether refusal of accommodation 'conformed with doctrines' or 'necessary to avoid injury to the religious sensitivities' - whether corporation capable of holding religious belief - whether refusal of accommodation 'necessary to comply with religious beliefs' of accommodation provider or manager - *Equal Opportunity Act 1995* (Vic) ss 6-8, 42, 49, 75-77, 98, 102-3. Statutory interpretation - Human rights - prohibition against discrimination - prohibition applicable to corporations - attribution - agency - whether conduct of manager counts as conduct of corporation - whether liability of corporation direct or vicarious - whether manager personally liable - *Equal Opportunity Act 1995* (Vic) ss 42, 49, 98, 102-3. Statutory interpretation - Human rights - prohibition against discrimination - exemptions - religious freedom - whether exemptions to be construed narrowly - whether special rule of interpretation applicable where exemptions protect human rights - whether international human rights jurisprudence applicable - *Equal Opportunity Act 1995* (Vic), ss 42, 49, 75-77. Statutory interpretation - corporations - attribution of states of mind - legal fiction - religious freedom - exemption from prohibition against discrimination - whether religious belief attributable to corporation - no express provision - whether attribution necessarily implied - ascertainment of corporation's religious belief - *Equal Opportunity Act 1995* (Vic) ss 75-77.

31 March 2014 - [Finding - Inquest into the Death of Margaret Lurline Martyr-Paterson COR 2010 814](#) Death from multiple injuries arising from a recent fall at aged care facility in association with ischaemic heart disease.

United Kingdom

16 April 2014 - [Aspinall v Secretary of State for Health \[2014\] EWHC 1217 \(QB\)](#) On 8 April 1982 at 21:55 hours the Claimant was born at Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn. He was delivered at 32 weeks gestation by Caesarean section, weighing just 1400 grams. He was born in poor condition, there being no signs of life other than a heart rate below 100 beats per minute. He was successfully resuscitated, taking his first breath at three minutes and achieving regular respiration by seven minutes. By ten minutes he was ascribed an APGAR score of 9/10. However, on transfer to the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) after 20 minutes he was suffering from hypothermia with a temperature of 33.5°C. He was reintubated with a nasal tube and placed on a ventilator. Over the following hours he was given intensive care, but suffered from both respiratory and metabolic acidosis and from hypercarbia. It is common ground that the Claimant

developed hyaline membrane disease, a stiffening of the lungs which was a risk for any premature baby in 1982. It is also common ground that at some point he suffered a bleed in his germinal matrix, leading to intraventricular haemorrhage, hydrocephalus and the development of venous cerebral infarction.

LEGISLATION

9 April 2014 - [National Health \(Pharmaceutical Benefits - Early Supply\) Amendment Instrument 2014 \(No. 2\) - specification under subsection 84AAA\(2\) \(No. PB 34 of 2014\)](#).

9 April 2014 - [National Health Determination under paragraph 98C\(1\)\(b\) Amendment 2014 \(No. 4\) \(No. PB 29 of 2014\)](#).

9 April 2014 - [National Health \(Price and Special Patient Contribution\) Amendment Determination 2014 \(No. 3\)\(No. PB 28 of 2014\)](#).

9 April 2014 - [National Health \(Listing of Pharmaceutical Benefits\) Amendment Instrument 2014 \(No. 4\) \(No. PB 27 of 2014\)](#).

11 April 2014 - [Amendment Determination under section 84AH of the National Health Act 1953 \(2014\) \(No. 2\) \(No. PB 33 of 2014\)](#).

11 April 2014 - [National Health \(Listed drugs on F1 or F2\) Amendment Determination 2014 \(No. 3\) \(No. PB 32 of 2014\)](#).

14 April 2014 - [Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code — Standard 1.4.2 — Maximum Residue Limits Amendment Instrument No. APVMA 3, 2014](#).

13 April 2014 - [National Health \(Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Program\) Special Arrangement Amendment Instrument 2014 \(No. 5\) \(No. PB 35 of 2014\)](#).

14 April 2014 - [National Health \(Weighted average disclosed price - supplementary disclosure cycle A\) Determination 2014 \(No. PB 26 of 2014\)](#).

14 April 2014 - [Declared Hearing Services Amendment Determination 2014 \(No. 1\)](#).

31 March 2014 - [Aged Care \(Conditions for Residential Care Allocations\) Determination 2014](#).

15 April 2014 - [User Rights Amendment \(Publication of Accommodation Payment Information\) Principles 2014](#).

23 April 2014 - [FMA Act Determination 2014/07 — Section 32 \(Transfer of Functions from Health to Social Services\)](#).

REPORTS

Australia. Department of Health & Ageing

Media releases

16 April 2014 - [Rural Health a Priority During New Zealand Visit](#). The Assistant Minister for Health Fiona Nash visited businesses and a health service in regional New Zealand.

15 April 2014 - [Forging Closer Trans-Tasman Ties on Food and Nutrition Policy](#). Assistant Health Minister Fiona Nash met with Ministers in New Zealand to progress a range of discussions on key food and nutrition policies.

Private Health insurance (PHI) Circulars

17 April 2014 - [PHI 29/14 new version \(version 1.11.0.1\) OF Check-It 2 released](#).

17 April 2014 - [PHI 28/14 Private Hospital Information - name change](#).

15 April 2014 - [PHI 27/14 Private Health Insurance Rebate and Medicare Levy Surcharge Income Thresholds For 2014-15](#).

15 April 2014 - [PHI 26/14 Private Hospital Information - new hospital](#).

11 April 2014 - [PHI 25/14 new private hospital information](#).

11 April 2014 - [PHI 24/14 Nursing home type patient contribution rate for Victoria](#).

11 April 2014 - [PHI 23/14 Private hospital information - name change](#).

10 April 2014 - [PHI 22/14 Private health insurance rebate – Rebate adjustment factor effective 1 April 2014](#).

Australia. Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and the boards

23 April 2014 -The Dental Board of Australia releases its latest communiqué. [Read more](#).

14 April 2014 - Call for applications for health practitioners to join the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia's list of approved persons for appointment to panels. [Read more](#).

17 April 2014 - All AHPRA offices will be closed during the Easter holiday period and on Anzac Day. [Read more](#).

16 April 2014 - Newsletter from the National Board The Medical Board of Australia. [Read more](#).

16 April 2014 - Good response from nurses and midwives to renewals campaign. [Read more](#).

16 April 2014 - The National Board is funding a project to review the Registered nurse standards for practice (incorporating a review of the current national competency standards for the registered nurse). [Read more](#).

16 April 2014 - The Psychology Board releases Issue 10 of Connections newsletter. [Read more](#).

14 April 2014 - Registration and Notifications Committee Call for applications for health practitioners to join the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia Registration and Notifications Committee. [Read more](#).

Australia. National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

17 April 2014 - [NHMRC Research Tracker](#).

Australia. Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)

22 April 2014 - [Cessation of acknowledgement letters for Category 3 submissions](#). Applicants of Category 3 prescription medicine submissions will no longer be issued with an acknowledgment letter.

22 April 2014 - [TGA presentation given at AusMedTech conference, 1 April 2014](#). This presentation provided an overview on TGA reforms and developments.

22 April 2014 - [Accu-Chek Mobile glucose tests](#). There is a potential for a commonly used antibiotic to interfere with blood glucose test results.

17 April 2014 - [Staged implementation plan](#). Version 1.2 updates to the Staged implementation plan: OTC medicines business process reform.

16 April 2014 - [MosKa - energy for adults](#) poses a serious risk to your health and should not be taken.

16 April 2014 - [Special access scheme](#). Updated information and SAS forms.

16 April 2014 - [Swanson full spectrum cilantro herbal supplement](#). Potential contamination with Salmonella.

15 April 2014 - [Consultation: OTC cough medicines for oral use: proposed advisory statements for medicines](#). Closing date has been extended to 5 May 2014.

15 April 2014 - [Application for advertising approval](#) form has been updated.

15 April 2014 - [Australian Public Assessment Reports for prescription medicines \(AusPARs\)](#) Updated Crizotinib.

15 April 2014 - [Consultations on adoption of European Union guidelines in Australia](#). Added guidelines proposed for adoption by TGA. Closing date: 28 May 2014.

15 April 2014 - [Consultation: OTC nasal decongestant preparations for topical use: proposed advisory statements for medicines](#) Closing date has been extended to 5 May 2014

15 April 2014 - [Consultations on adoption of European Union guidelines in Australia: Outcome of previous consultation](#) EU/ICH guidelines adopted by the TGA, effective 1 April 2014.

14 April 2014 - [Scheduling news](#) News about scheduling medicines and poisons.

14 April 2014 - [Documents released under Section 11C of the Freedom of Information Act 1982](#) Added FOI 086-1314 documents.

14 April 2014 - [Metal-on-metal hip replacement implants](#) Updated information for general practitioners, orthopaedic surgeons and other health professionals.

14 April 2014 - [Medtronic paradigm insulin pump](#). A safety advisory to reinforce awareness of the need to confirm insulin dosage when using certain Medtronic Paradigm insulin pumps.

14 April 2014 - [Canesten 6 day cream 35 g](#). Consumers and health professionals are advised that five batches of the Canesten 6 day cream 35 g are being recalled.

14 April 2014 - [Metal-on-metal hip implants: Information for patients](#). Updated information for patients who have had hip replacement surgery.

14 April 2014 - [Public submissions on scheduling matters referred to ACCS #9, ACMS #10 and the joint ACCS-ACMS #7 \(November 2013\)](#). Further public submissions made in response to the invitation for public submission on the proposed amendments to the Poisons Standard.

14 April 2014 - [Reasons for scheduling delegate's final decisions, April 2014](#). Reasons for decisions by the Delegate of the Secretary to the Department of Health for amendments to the Poisons Standard.

14 April 2014 - [Advisory Committee on the Safety of Medical Devices \(ACSMD\)](#). ACSMD meeting on 16 May 2014 is cancelled.

11 April 2014 - [Zhen de shou fat loss capsules](#) pose a serious risk to your health and should not be taken.

11 April 2014 - [Fluoride in drinking water](#). In Australia, fluoridation of drinking water supplies is regulated by the states and territories.

[Australian Institute of Health & Welfare](#)

17 April 2014 - [Youth justice in Australia 2012-13](#) Factsheets: [NSW](#) | [Vic](#) | [Qld](#) | [SA](#) | [Tas](#) | [ACT media release](#).

[New South Wales. Ministry of Health](#)

Policy Directives & Guidelines

14 April 2014 - [Care Type Policy for Acute, Sub-Acute and Non-Acute Patient Care](#).

22 April 2014 - [Significant Legal Matters and Management of Legal Services](#).

Information Bulletins

22 April 2014 - [Notification of Obsolete Policy Directive - PD2005 279](#).

23 April 2014 - [Notification of Obsolete Policy Directives](#).

[Northern Territory. Department of Health](#)

17 April 2014 - [Robyn Lambley - update on the rollout of the NDIS trial in the territory](#). Minister for Disability Services Robyn Lambley says the NDIS trial is on track to start in the Northern Territory from July 1.

11 April 2014 - [Robyn Lambley - new organ donation target set at national health meeting](#). Minister for Health Robyn Lambley and her interstate colleagues have set new organ donation targets, during a national Health Ministers meeting in Brisbane today.

11 April 2014 - **Robyn Lambley - Palmerston hospital and health reform at national meeting.** Minister for Health Robyn Lambley has updated the Federal Health Minister Peter Dutton on the progress to build the Palmerston Regional Hospital, at a national meeting of State and Territory Health Ministers today.

Queensland. Department of Health

24 April 2014 - **\$3 million incentive to boost vaccination rates** has been posted by the State Government in a bid to inspire local strategies that protect young Queenslanders.

23 April 2014 - **Funding aids life-saving snake venom research.** Ground-breaking research that uses deadly snake venom in blood testing technology is one project being boosted by government support.

17 April 2014 - **St George health staff prepare for medical mission to Uganda.** A group of seven health staff from St George will soon embark on a medical mission to Uganda.

15 April 2014 - **Green light for doctors' contracts a boost for QLD.** Senior doctors at public hospitals across Queensland have been given the green light to sign individual contracts aimed at boosting flexibility and simplicity in a sustainable patient-focused State healthcare system.

15 April 2014 - **Job well done by northern health and QAS staff.** Health Minister Lawrence Springborg and Queensland's Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young have praised Queensland Health and Ambulance staff for their commitment and dedication to local communities during Cyclone Ita.

South Australia. Department for Health & Ageing

22 April 2014 - Emergency GP support for country patients Critical GP support is being provided at the scenes of medical emergencies across areas of rural South Australia, thanks to an innovative Country Health SA (CHSA) initiative. [Read more.](#)

21 April 2014 - Flu on the rise – time to get vaccinated Flu notifications have increased in South Australia by more than 40 per cent prompting a warning to all South Australians to get a flu shot this year to protect themselves, their family and the community, from the potentially deadly illness. [Read more.](#)

Victoria. Department of Health

24 April 2014 - **Improvement to ambulance transfer times.** Minister for Health David Davis today released the latest Victorian Health Services Performance report, which shows significant improvement in ambulance transfer times.

17 April 2014 - **Royal Children's leads the way with new technology.** Young patients will be the big winners with a new \$48 million computer system to be installed at the Royal Children's Hospital, Premier Denis Napthine said today.

17 April 2014 - **\$33.9 million home care boost for Victorians in need.** Home and Community Care services supporting seniors, younger people with disability and their carers will receive a \$33.9 million funding boost across Victoria.

23 April 2014 - **Victoria's first Mental Health Complaints Commissioner.** Minister for Mental Health Mary Wooldridge said today the appointment of Lynne Coulson Barr as Victoria's first Mental Health Complaints Commissioner is a landmark in the delivery of public mental health services.

17 April 2014 - **New Mental Health Community Recovery Program opens at Austin Health.** Minister for Mental Health Mary Wooldridge today officially opened Austin Health's new Community Recovery Program (CRP), co-located with the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital.

14 April 2014 - **Eastern Health showing the way to fewer restrictive practices in mental health** Eastern Health has been awarded \$140,000 by the Victorian Coalition Government to improve care for mental health patients, Minister for Mental Health Mary Wooldridge announced today.

Western Australia. Department of Health

Media Releases

23 April 2014 - **Australia's first CyberKnife unveiled in Perth.**

23 April 2014 - **MRI works contract awarded for Albany health campus.**

17 April 2014 - [Preliminary work starts on \\$8.1m Exmouth Health Campus redevelopment.](#)

Operational Directives (OD)

23 April 2014 - [IC 0187/14](#) District Allowance Rate Adjustments for 2013 – 2014. Advice of District Allowance rate adjustments for 2013 – 2014.

17 April 2014 - [IC 0186/14](#) Annual Leave Loading Maximum 2013/2014 Annual Leave Loading Maximum 2013/2014 - from 1st October 2013.

16 April 2014 - [OD 0518/14](#) Bilateral Schedule: Interagency Collaborative Processes When an Unborn or Newborn Baby Is Identified as at Risk of Abuse and/or Neglect Statewide schedule setting out the collaborative processes to be followed by WA Health in collaboration with Child Protection and Family Support (CPFS) when an unborn or newborn baby has been identified by either agency as being at risk of abuse and/or neglect.

16 April 2014 - [IC 0185/14](#) Department of Health Medical Practitioners (Drug and Alcohol Office) *AMA Industrial Agreement 2013* Notification that the Department of Health Medical Practitioners (Drug and Alcohol) *AMA Industrial Agreement 2013* (the Agreement) was registered by the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission on 27 February 2014.

16 April 2014 - [IC 0184/14](#) Department of Health Medical Practitioners (Director General) *AMA Industrial Agreement 2013* Notification that the Department of Health Medical Practitioners (Director General) *AMA Industrial Agreement 2013* (the Agreement) was registered by the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission on 27 February 2014.

16 April 2014 - [IC 0183/14](#) Head of Department Allowance for Salaried Medical Practitioners The K10 Doctor's Head of Department Allowance form has been established as the means of providing instruction to HCN for the payment of the new Head of Department Annual Allowance.

New Zealand. Ministry of Health

15 April 2014 - [New Zealand health personnel in Solomon Islands.](#)

11 April 2014 - [National Vision and Hearing Screening Protocols.](#)

United Kingdom. Department of Health (DH)

22 April 2014 - [Medical innovation: doctors and patients encouraged to give views.](#)

22 April 2014 - [Transplantation of organs from donors with a history of cancer.](#)

17 April 2014 - [Social exclusion of people in the sex industry: review of evidence.](#)

17 April 2014 - [ARSAC application forms.](#)

17 April 2014 - [DH and HSCIC Framework Agreement.](#)

17 April 2014 - [ARSAC Notes for Guidance.](#)

17 April 2014 - [Progress on improving nursing for people with learning disabilities.](#)

17 April 2014 - [NHS England accountability meeting minutes.](#)

17 April 2014 - [Nursing and Midwifery Council: changes to governing legislation.](#)

16 April 2014 - [DH non-executive appointments.](#)

14 April 2014 - [Plans to improve primary care.](#)

14 April 2014 - [Millions to benefit from improved GP care.](#)

United States of America. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

16 April 2014 - [New National Biodefense Science Board members to advise HHS.](#)

22 April 2014 - [44th Anniversary of Earth Day.](#)

22 April 2014 - [Stolen laptops lead to important HIPAA settlements.](#)

Australian Medical Association (AuMA)

17 April 2014 - [AuMA President Dr Steve Hambleton, Doorstop, Royal Brisbane Hospital, Queensland Hospital contracts](#). Transcript AMA President, Dr Steve Hambleton, Doorstop, Royal Brisbane Hospital, 17 April 2014 Subject: Queensland Hospital contracts. [Read more](#).

15 April 2014 - [Doctor contract solution 'on the horizon' - AuMA](#). Federal AMA President, Dr Steve Hambleton, said today that, after recent days of detailed negotiations involving all the key stakeholders, a possible resolution to the Queensland public hospital. [Read more](#).

14 April 2014 - [IPCC report signals need to plan for health effects of climate change](#). AuMA Vice President, Professor Geoffrey Dobb, said today that the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) underlines the need for governments to plan to address the [Read more](#).

British Medical Association (BMA)

23 April 2014 - [Crisis revealed in under-16s mental healthcare](#).

22 April 2014 - [Allow doctors freedom to redesign care, says BMA](#).

16 April 2014 - [Inner-city GP threatened by top-up funding cuts](#).

16 April 2014 - [Telemonitoring benefits remain unproven, says BMA](#).

Canadian Medical Association (CMA)

22 April 2014 - [Don't be afraid to lead, physicians told](#).

17 April 2014 - ["Outstanding" accredited CME available for asking at cma.ca](#).

14 April 2014 - [CMA guide offers 17,000 residents "nuts-and-bolts" info needed to launch a practice](#).

American Medical Association (AMA)

16 April 2014 - [AMA: Physicians Generate \\$1.6 Trillion in Economic Activity, Support 10 Million Jobs](#).

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