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## JUDGMENTS

### Commonwealth

15 October 2014 - [Gray v Richards \[2014\] HCA 40](#)

In 2003, a 10-year-old girl (Gray) sustained a traumatic brain injury when she was involved in a motor vehicle accident caused by Richards. As a result, she was left with a significant intellectual impairment and requires constant care. She has no prospects of future paid employment.

In 2006, Gray commenced proceedings in the District Court of NSW claiming that Richards was liable in negligence for her loss. In 2011, those proceedings were compromised on terms requiring Richards to pay Gray \$10 million, plus damages to cover expenses associated with managing the compromise monies (fund management damages).

The issues in this appeal related to the composition of the fund management damages. The High Court of Australia was required to consider whether or not an incapacitated plaintiff is entitled to recover costs associated with managing:

- The component of damages which has been awarded to meet the cost of managing the lump sum recovered by way of damages; and
- The predicted future income of the managed fund.

The High Court held that Gray was entitled to recover damages associated with paying her chosen managed fund to manage the lump sum she received by way of damages, even though there was a significant disparity between the NSW Trustee's fund management fees and the fees for Gray's chosen fund. However, the High Court disallowed damages to be awarded for the predicted future income of the managed fund because the cost of managing the income generated by the fund is not an integral part of Gray's loss consequent upon her injury.

### Queensland

1 September 2014 (published 10 October 2014) - [Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service v JT by JT's Guardian \[2014\] QSC 251](#)

JT, a 37-year-old married father of two, suffered a severe hypoxic injury secondary to diabetic ketoacidosis and cardiac arrest in November 2012. Following urgent life-saving intervention, he unfortunately fell into an apparently unconscious state. There is no question that he would have died but for that intervention. He was then required to be administered insulin, artificial hydration and nutrition by way of percutaneous endoscopic gastronomy (JT's treatment).

The application before the Supreme Court of Queensland was for an order that the hospital cease JT's treatment and not provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation to him. This application invoked the *parens patriae* jurisdiction - that is, the protective jurisdiction of the Court that empowers it to protect the human dignity and rights of individuals who are disabled in such a way that they cannot protect such dignity and rights for themselves. The overriding criterion for the exercise of the *parens patriae* jurisdiction is the protection of the best interest of the health and welfare of the person subject to it.

The court considered a variety of medical evidence, all of which suggested that JT had no prospect of improvement. On this basis, and taking into consideration his express wish not to be sustained by life support machines if he were ever to "end up as a vegetable", the court ordered the cessation of current treatment in the best interests of JT. This order rendered it lawful for the hospital to cease JT's life-preserving measures.

14 October 2014 - [Page v John Thompson and Lesley Dwyer, As Chief Executive Officer, West Moreton Hospital and Health Service \[2014\] QSC 252](#)

Administrative law – judicial review – grounds of review – jurisdictional matters – where a complaint was made to the second respondent about the conduct of the applicant - where the second respondent made a decision about the propriety of the applicant's conduct – where the applicant appealed that decision to the first respondent – where the first respondent was required to review the decision of the second respondent to determine if it was fair and reasonable – where the first respondent concluded the second respondent's

decision was fair and reasonable – where the first respondent did not consider the merits of the second respondent’s decision – whether the first respondent misconceived his statutory duty to conduct a review – whether the word ‘review’ required the first respondent to consider the merits of the second respondent’s decision

14 October 2014 - [Re Gentner v Callaghan & Ors \(No 2\) \[2014\] QDC 233](#)

Coroners act – costs – where application to set aside coroner’s finding pursuant to s 50(5) coroners act was dismissed – where multiple respondents seek an order that the applicant pay the costs of the proceeding – public interest considerations – whether allowance should be made pursuant to ucpr 691(5) for the nature and importance or the difficulty or urgency of the proceeding– whether the extent to which proceedings served to clarify the law justified departure from the usual expectations as to costs – where the second, third, fourth and fifth respondents were not named in the originating application and were joined in order to make the proceeding competent – whether or not the applicant should bear the burden of all the costs incurred by the respondents – where considerations arise as to the commonality of issues and interests relating to the respondents – where there are issues as to difference in success in respect of an interlocutory application and therefore the costs reserved on that application

10 October 2014 - [Psychology Board of Australia v GA \(No 2\) \[2014\] QCAT 479](#)

Practice – Amendment under s 135 of the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009 (Qld)

24 September 2014 (published 10 October 2014) - [West v Psychology Board of Australia \[2014\] QCAT 472](#)

Professions and trades – health care professionals – psychologists – where the applicant reviewed the respondent’s decision to refuse the applicant’s application for provisional registration as a psychologist – where an applicant is eligible for provisional registration, under s 62(1)(d) of the health practitioner regulation national law (queensland), if the applicant meets any requirements for registration stated in an approved standard for the health profession – where the psychology board of australia – guidelines for 4+2 internship programs for provisional psychologists and supervisors (‘the guidelines’) are an approved standard – where the applicant could not complete the application in accordance with the guidelines – whether the tribunal should refuse the applicant’s application

20 August 2014 (published 10 October 2014) - [Medical Board of Australia v Moodley \[2014\] QCAT 476](#)

Professions and trades – health care professionals – medical practitioners – disciplinary proceedings – other matters – where the board brought proceedings for nine grounds of disciplinary action that the board had commenced investigating prior to the repeal of the health practitioners (disciplinary proceedings) act 1999 (qld) (‘disciplinary proceedings act’) – where the board brought a further ground that the registrant had been convicted of various indictable offences contrary to s 124(1)(i) of the disciplinary proceedings act – where the conviction occurred after the repeal of the disciplinary proceedings act – where the board submits there conviction is connected to the board’s prior investigation – whether the tenth charge can be brought under the disciplinary proceedings act

24 September 2014 (published 10 October 2014) - [Physiotherapy Board of Australia v Lazarus \[2014\] QCAT 477](#)

Professions and trades – health care professionals – physiotherapists – where it is alleged the respondent’s clinical conduct was not of the standard expected of a physiotherapists – where it is alleged the respondent engaged in sexual misconduct – where complaints arose from four consultations with one patient – where the complainant recorded several accounts of what occurred – where the respondent recorded an account of the consultations in his notes – whether grounds for disciplinary proceedings have been established

## **New South Wales**

16 October 2014 - [Bahramy v Medical Council of New South Wales \[2014\] NSWCATOD 116](#)

Administrative law - application for re-instatement of medical practitioner - whether practitioner demonstrated he is fit and proper person to be re-instated to the register.

15 October 2014 - [Health Care Complaints Commission v Sedrak \[2014\] NSWCATOD 114](#)

Dispensing without retaining prescription, failing to record returned drugs, supplying by retail therapeutic goods, dispensing without a lawful prescription, failing to report theft from pharmacy, dispensing drugs in excessive quantities and for excessive periods, dispensing drugs knowing prescriber not appropriately qualified, dispensing drugs without lawful scripts and knowing prescriber did not have authority to so prescribe, failure to respond to statutory notice ; held proven unsatisfactory professional conduct and professional misconduct.

13 October 2014 - [Health Care Complaints Commission v Bours \(No 1\) \[2014\] NSWCATOD 113](#)

Professional discipline - admissibility of expert evidence; admissibility of expert evidence obtained for other civil proceedings; composition of tribunal; consent forms; consent to surgery; controversial medical procedures; harassment of expert witness; legally qualified mckenzie friend; prescribing medications without authority; self-represented respondent giving evidence.

### Victoria

13 October 2014 - [Omant v Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia & Anor \[2014\] VSC 512](#)  
Administrative law – Appeal from Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal on a question of law — Natural justice — Procedural fairness — Tribunal erred by failing to give the parties an opportunity to be heard on the penalty determinations made — Matter to be remitted to a differently constituted tribunal - Whether the differently constituted tribunal should conduct a hearing *de novo* or be bound by the findings of the original tribunal and conduct a rehearing limited to penalty determinations only – Whether rehearing limited to penalty determinations would be unfair to the plaintiff – Matter remitted to a differently constituted tribunal for a hearing *de novo* - [Dewan v Medical Board of Australia \[2011\] VSC 588](#) - [Lovett v Chiropractors and Osteopaths Registration Board \[1993\] VicSC 706](#) (Unreported, Supreme Court of Victoria, Cummins J, 7 December 1993) - Supreme Court (General Civil Procedure) Rules 2005 r 56.

7 October 2014 - [Inquest into the death of Adrian Carlin 2013/0663](#)

Death caused by bronchopneumonia.

7 October 2014 - [Finding into death with inquest of Darren Carr Hannah 2012/3727](#)

Death caused by upper airway obstruction and ingestion of dirt in an intellectually impaired man.

### Western Australia

10 October 2014 - [Medical Board of Australia, Mughammad Saliem Ismail VR:212/2013](#)

Disciplinary proceeding - prescription of anabolic androgenic steroids, human growth hormone, stimulants Clenbuterol and Ephedrine.

## LEGISLATION

### Commonwealth

16 October 2014 - [Health Insurance Legislation Amendment \(General Medical Services Table and Other Measures\) Regulation 2014 F2014L01360](#) • SLI 2014 No. 149 as made

13 October 2014 - [Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code — Standard 1.4.2 — Maximum Residue Limits Amendment Instrument No. APVMA 9, 2014 F2014L01353](#) • as made

8 October 2014 - [Poisons Standard 2014 F2014L01343](#) • as made

25 September 2014 - [Veterans' Affairs \(Treatment Principles – Private Accommodation in Hospital Surcharge\) Instrument 2014 F2014L01348](#) • 2014 No. R78/MRCC78 as made

25 September 2014 - [Veterans' Affairs \(Private Patient Principles Re-Making\) Instrument 2014 F2014L01349](#) • 2014 No. R79/MRCC79 as made

### New South Wales

[Health Services Amendment \(Ambulance Fees\) Bill 2014](#) (An Act to amend the Health Services Act 1997 to make further provision for the charging and recovery of ambulance fees; and for related purposes.)  
15/10/2014 Council: 2R Speech and Passed



**Drug Legislation Amendment (Cannabis for Medical Purposes) Bill** A Private Member's Bill for an Act to amend the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966 and the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 to provide a scheme supporting the use of cannabis for medical purposes.) 2014 14/10/2014 Council: Notice of Motion (Kaye, John)

**Health Practitioner Regulation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014** (The objects of this Bill are: (a) to amend the Health Practitioner Regulation (Adoption of National Law) Act 2009 so as to modify the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NSW), (b) to amend the Health Services Act 1997 to permit public health organisations to share and exchange certain information about the appointments of health practitioners with licensees of private health facilities, and (c) to amend the Private Health Facilities Act 2007 to permit licensees of private health facilities to share and exchange certain information about the appointments of health practitioners with other licensees of private health facilities and public health organisations. 14/10/2014 Assembly: Introduced and 2R Speech 14/10/2014 Assembly: Notice of Motion (Skinner, Jillian)

## Western Australia

**Mental Health Bill 2013** (41/2013) (The purpose of this Bill is: to provide for the treatment, care, support and protection of people who have a mental illness; and to provide for the protection of the rights of people who have a mental illness; and to provide for the recognition of the role of carers and families in providing care and support to people who have a mental illness, and for related purposes.

NOTE: **The Mental Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2013** proposes to amend this Bill the (Mental Health Act 2013) by inserting Parts 28 and 29 for the purposes of repealing the Mental Health Act 1996, the Mental Health (Consequential Provisions) Act 1996 and certain subsidiary legislation made under those Acts and makes certain transitional arrangements. 14/10/2014 Council: 3rd Reading and Passed with Amendments

Victoria

**Improving Cancer Outcomes Bill 2014** ( A Bill for an Act to articulate the role and functions of the Secretary to the Department of Health with respect to cancer, to establish a framework for the collection, management, use and disclosure of information relating to cancer, to require the preparation of a plan providing a strategic policy framework for cancer in Victoria, to provide for the registration of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria as a company limited by guarantee under the Corporations Act and to repeal the Cancer Act 1958 and for other purposes.) 16 October passed Council

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Clinical Trials) Bill 2014** (A Bill for an Act to amend the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 in relation to clinical trials, to make other miscellaneous and consequential amendments and for other purposes.) 14/10/2014 Assembly: Introduced 14/10/2014 Council: Passed

**Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Further Amendment Bill 2014** (A Bill for an Act to amend the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 in relation to certain licences, to make other miscellaneous and consequential amendments and for other purposes.) 16 October Passed the Legislative Council

## REPORTS

### Australia. Department of Health & Ageing

Media releases

16 October 2014 - **Tribute to health professionals living and working in remote Australia**

The Assistant Minister for Health, Fiona Nash, has paid tribute to the nurses and other allied health professionals who deliver health services in Australia's remote communities.

15 October 2014 - **Australian manufacturers of medical devices given a level playing field**

New regulations will be introduced to allow Australian manufacturers to obtain market approval for most medical devices using conformity assessment certification from European notified bodies.

13 October 2014 - **\$2.93 Million to Support Ballarat Medical Students**

The Federal Assistant Minister for Health was in Ballarat to open a new student accommodation facility

designed to help universities train medical students locally, giving them a taste of living and working in regional Victoria.

### **Australia. Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and the boards**

15 October 2014 - Communique from the Board The Optometry Board of Australia releases its latest communique. [Read More](#)

15 October 2014 - Newsletter from the National Board The Optometry Board of Australia releases its latest newsletter. [Read More](#)

### **Australia. National Health & Medical Research Council**

17 October 2014 - [Cancer research receives \\$98 million boost.](#)

Research to improve our understanding the causes of cancer and to develop new treatments has received a \$98.9 million boost following the announcement of new National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grants today. The research will explore a range of factors affecting the development, spread and treatment of a range of cancers including prostate, pancreatic and breast cancers. NHMRC CEO Professor Warwick Anderson was confident that the 156 grants would offer important insights into...[See full media release...](#)

17 October 2014 - [\\$82 million for research into cardiovascular diseases.](#)

New research is set to deliver better treatments, prevention and care for people with cardiovascular disease, following the announcement of new National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grants today. The funding totals \$82.4 million across 106 grants which span improving care and rehabilitation for people following a stroke, investigations into how to repair heart tissue damage, and better methods for preventing cardiovascular conditions. NHMRC CEO Professor Warwick Anderson said...[See full media release...](#)

17 October 2014 - [\\$18 million of new funds to support innovative dementia research.](#)

Research to improve our understanding of dementia and how to better treat and prevent it has received an \$18 million boost following the announcement of new National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grants today. The grants cover a range of innovative research projects, from genetic studies of twins, to studying the effects of an intergenerational activity program. CEO Professor Warwick Anderson acknowledged the importance of these grants and their potential to make real progress in...[See full media release...](#)

17 October 2014 - [Researchers, communities, government and Not-for-Profit sector band together to improve Indigenous health outcomes.](#)

Health and medical researchers have teamed up with Indigenous community organisations, policymakers, businesses and others on the frontlines of healthcare delivery to help improve the health of Indigenous communities, as part of five National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Partnership Project grants announced today. The grants are co-funded by NHMRC and partners, which includes the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory, Ngaanyatjarra Health Service, Ernst and...[See full media release...](#)

17 October 2014 - [\\$54 million to support diabetes research.](#)

Research to improve the treatment and prevention of diabetes has received a \$54 million boost following the announcement of new National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grants today. The 60 grants cover a range of innovative research projects, from studies exploring the relationship between artificial sweeteners and diabetes to research that seeks to prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes in children. NHMRC CEO Professor Warwick Anderson acknowledged the importance of the grants...[See full media release...](#)

17 October 2014 - [\\$12 million of innovative research to combat obesity.](#)

Exciting new research projects to better understand obesity and find ways to prevent and manage the condition have received a share of \$12 million following the announcement of new National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grants today. The 18 grants each take a unique approach to tackling obesity, from transforming 'bad' fat into 'good' fat associated with leanness and weight loss, to exploring the interaction between genetics, dietary habits and weight gain...[See full media release...](#)

17 October 2014 - [Research brings new hope for asthma sufferers.](#)

New research is set to deliver better treatments and better care for people with asthma, following the announcement of \$12.5 million in funding for 18 new National Health and Medical Research (NHMRC) grants today. NHMRC CEO Professor Warwick Anderson spoke of the importance of these grants to help improve asthma management and prevention. "The prevalence of asthma in Australia is high by international standards, with 1 in 10 of us having asthma," Professor Anderson said. "...[See full media release...](#)

17 October 2014 - [\\$26 million to support innovative injury research.](#)

Research aimed at preventing injuries and improving treatments has received a \$26.1 million boost following the announcement of new National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grants today. The funding is distributed over 27 grants to find ways to prevent falls amongst older Australians, better techniques for recovering from traumatic brain injury and ways to deliver better care for children following injury to reduce death and disability, amongst others. NHMRC CEO Professor Warwick...[See full media release...](#)

17 October 2014 - [\\$38.5 million of research to find mental health solutions.](#)

Research to prevent, treat and manage mental illnesses has received a \$38.5 million boost following the announcement of new National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grants today. The grants cover a range of conditions including depression, bipolar disorder, anorexia and schizophrenia. While some of the grants are focused on developing new treatments, others focus on preventing the onset of mental illness or better understanding the role of genetics and/or the social environment. [See full media release...](#)

17 October 2014 - [\\$12 million of research to bring relief to people with arthritis.](#)

Research to better treat arthritis and improve pain management has received a nearly \$12 million boost following the announcement of new National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grants today. The grants each take a unique research approach to the challenge of improving outcomes for people with arthritis, from developing a better understanding of impaired functioning of the immune system that leads to arthritis, to targeting pain perception. NHMRC CEO Professor Warwick Anderson...[See full media release...](#)

### **Australia. Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)**

17 October 2014 - [Regulation impact statement: Amendments to the new regulatory framework for in vitro diagnostic medical devices \(IVDs\).](#) This regulation impact statement finalises the consultation process and outlines amendments to the regulatory framework for in vitro diagnostic medical devices.

15 October 2014 - [Mucokehl 'i' 5 mL liquid solution.](#) Consumers and health professionals are advised that Mucokehl 'i' 5 mL liquid solution does not meet Australian quality requirements and could cause an infection if applied to a person's eye.

15 October 2014 - [Regulation impact statement: Premarket assessment requirements for Australian manufactured medical devices.](#) This Regulation Impact Statement examines options to address the problems that have been identified in relation to the premarket assessment requirements for Australian manufactured medical devices.

15 October 2014 - [Documents released under Section 11C of the Freedom of Information Act 1982.](#) Added FOI 305-1314 and FOI 250-1314 documents.

15 October 2014 - [Australian manufacturers of medical devices given a level playing field.](#) New regulations will be introduced to allow Australian manufacturers to obtain market approval for most medical devices using conformity assessment certification from European notified bodies.

14 October 2014 - [Children's Panadol 1-5 Years Colourfree Suspension.](#) The TGA has become aware that some people have expressed confusion over how to use measuring syringes supplied with Children's Panadol 1-5 Years Colourfree Suspension.

14 October 2014 - [Trasylol.](#) The TGA is aware of a recent media report about fatal adverse events associated with Trasylol.

14 October 2014 - [AIVC recommendations for the composition of influenza vaccine for Australia in 2015](#). The AIVC met at TGA, Canberra, on 9 October 2014, to recommend influenza viruses to be used in the composition of the influenza vaccines for 2015.

13 October 2014 - [TGA and Industry presentations - Sponsor Information and Training Day, 9 September 2014](#). Presentations by TGA and Industry (combined) to help sponsors and manufacturers better understand the regulation of medical technology.

13 October 2014 - [Orphan drugs](#). Added Ceritinib (ZYKADIA) and Cholic acid (ORPHACOL).

13 October 2014 - [Australian Public Assessment Reports for prescription medicines \(AusPARs\)](#). Added Acridinium bromide (Bretaris Genuair), Pneumococcal polysaccharide conjugate vaccine, 13-valent adsorbed (Prevenar 13) and Rituximab (MabThera SC).

13 October 2014 - [The Poisons Standard \(the SUSMP\)](#). SUSMP No. 5 (Poisons Standard 2014) now available.

### **Australian Institute of Health & Welfare**

17 October 2014 - [An AIHW framework for assessing data sources for population health monitoring: working paper](#).

17 October 2014 - [Assessment of the Australian Rheumatology Association Database for national population health monitoring: working paper](#).

16 October 2014 - [Assessment of the coding of ESKD in deaths and hospitalisation data: a working paper using linked hospitalisation and deaths data from Western Australia and New South Wales](#).

15 October 2014 - [Housing assistance in Australia 2014 | media release](#).

14 October 2014 - [Diversion from criminal justice system into drug treatment programs doubles over last 10 years](#).

### **Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care**

13 October 2014 - On the Radar – Issue 195 ([PDF 93KB](#)) ([Word 123KB](#))

### **Australia. National Mental Health Commission**

10 October 2014 - [National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership in Mental Health](#).

### **Australian Capital Territory. Health Directorate**

14 October 2014 - [ACT to join medical cannabis clinical trial](#).

### **New South Wales. Ministry of Health**

#### Media Releases

14 October 2014 - [NSW Chief Health Officer report: Significant overall improvement, but no room for complacency in the health of young people in NSW](#).

17 October 2014 - [\\$41 million St George Emergency Department now open for patients](#).

17 October 2014 - [New report card on state's biggest cancer killer](#).

#### Policy Directives & Guidelines

13 October 2014 - [Application and Use of Procurement Cards \(PCards\) within NSW Health PD2014\\_035](#).

### **Northern Territory. (NT) Department of Health**

13 October 2014 - [Short term accommodation centre opens at RDH](#). Minister for Health Robyn Lambley said the short term accommodation centre at Royal Darwin Hospital has been helping to reduce the pressure on beds at the hospital.



### Queensland. Department of Health

15 October 2014 - [Nursing model helping ease congestion in emergency departments.](#)

15 October 2014 - [Queensland Government announces leasing plan to reduce debt and create jobs.](#)

14 October 2014 - [Cairns investigation.](#) The Department of Health will appoint an independent review panel to review the handling of recent infectious disease cases in the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service.

### Tasmania. Department of Health & Human Services

14 October 2014 - [Malnutrition Quietly Stalking Our Elderly.](#)

### Victoria. Department of Health

17 October 2014 - [Boost for rehabilitation care at Casey Hospital.](#)

15 October 2014 - [Expert advisory group for Sunshine North asbestos.](#)

15 October 2014 - [Funding initiatives to reduce the harm of ice.](#)

15 October 2014 - [Coalition delivers 679 additional paramedics.](#)

14 October 2014 - [Celebrating outstanding mental healthcare in Victoria.](#)

13 October 2014 - [Victoria moves on medicinal cannabis trials.](#)

13 October 2014 - [Ambulance managers agree to pay deal.](#)

13 October 2014 - [Protecting our health professionals from violence.](#)

13 October 2014 - [Heat wave assessment shows messages were heeded.](#)

12 October 2014 - [New \\$1 billion cancer centre reaches high milestone.](#)

10 October 2014 - [Coalition commits to \\$4.9 million to support GLBTI young people.](#)

10 October 2014 - [Coalition commits to record investment to address eating disorders.](#)

10 October 2014 - [\\$350,000 funding for headspace Bendigo.](#)

### Western Australia. (WA) Department of Health

Media Releases

17 October 2014 - [WA continues to improve infant and maternal mortality rates.](#)

13 October 2014 - [Report shows surgical mortality down by 22 per cent.](#)

### United Kingdom. Department of Health

16 October 2014 - [Good care costs less.](#)

14 October 2014 - [Enhanced Ebola screening process begins.](#)

14 October 2014 - [First ever NHS waiting time standards for mental health announced.](#)

13 October 2014 - [Ebola epidemic in West Africa.](#)

11 October 2014 - [National Ebola exercise concludes.](#)

11 October 2014 - [Exercise to test preparedness for a case of Ebola in the UK.](#)

10 October 2014 - [Providing better help and support for mental health services.](#)

### United States of America. Department of Health & Human Services

16 October 2014 - [HHS advances development of Ebola vaccine.](#)

### Australian Medical Association (AuMA)

16 October 2014 - [AMA Transcript - The latest local and international developments in the Ebola crisis](#). Transcript: AMA President, A/Prof Brian Owler, Doorstop, 4 Treasury Place Melbourne, 16 October 2014. [Read more](#).

16 October 2014 - [AMA Media Alert - Doorstop - A/Prof Brian Owler, Treasury Gardens in Melbourne, 12:30 pm, Ebola Update](#). Media alert – doorstop Ebola update. [Read more](#).

10 October 2014 - [AMA National Alcohol Summit 28-29 October 2014 - MEDIA ALERT](#). The AMA is hosting a National Alcohol Summit in Canberra on 28-29 October 2014 at the National Convention Centre. [Read more](#).

10 October 2014 - [AMA Transcript - The latest Ebola developments in Australia and West Africa](#) Transcript: AMA President, A/Prof Brian Owler, Doorstop, Stamford Sydney Airport Hotel, 10 October 2014. [Read more](#).

### British Medical Association (BMA)

15 October 2014 - [Emergency care challenges addressed](#).

14 October 2014 - [E-cigarette crackdown plans welcome](#).

### Canadian Medical Association (CMA)

16 October 2014 - [CMA outlines complexity of legalizing assisted dying](#). Expression of the many practical challenges involved in implementing a system of assisted dying that...

14 October 2014 - [The Canadian Medical Association \(CMA\) will appear](#) before the Supreme Court of Canada on Oct. 15 in an end-of-life case.

### American Medical Association (AMA)

14 October 2014 - [AMA Provides Blueprint to Improve the Meaningful Use Program](#). The AMA today released a blueprint for the future of the Meaningful Use program with recommendations to improve Electronic Health Record (EHR) functionality.

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