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## JUDGMENTS

### Northern Territory

#### 6 July 2015 - *Nitschke v Medical Board of Australia* [2015] NTSC 39

The Northern Territory Supreme Court has set aside the decision of the Immediate Action Committee (IAC) of the Medical Board of Australia (the Board) to take immediate action to suspend Dr Nitschke's registration.

Multiple complaints about Dr Nitschke's conduct were made to the Board after he appeared on the ABC 7:30 Report and discussed his interactions over email with a man who later committed suicide. While the Board investigated Dr Nitschke's conduct in that matter, the IAC decided to take immediate action against him, on the basis that it had formed a reasonable belief that Dr Nitschke posed a serious risk to persons, and it was necessary to take immediate action to protect public health and safety. It alleged that Dr Nitschke's failure to respond to a person's stated intent to take his own life was a contravention of the Code of Conduct for Doctors in Australia (the Code).

The Health Professional Review Tribunal confirmed the IAC's decision. On appeal, the Supreme Court held that the Tribunal had no basis to form a reasonable belief as required by section 156(1)(a) of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law*. It held that there was no evidence to support an inference that the conduct alleged could be subject to the *National Law*, and that the Tribunal had misconstrued the Code. It allowed an appeal against the Tribunal's decision, and set aside the decision of the IAC.

### United Kingdom (UK)

#### 7 July 2015 - *Ross v A* [2015] EWCOP 46

The England and Wales Court of Protection has held that a portion of a medical negligence damages award may be used to pay for the claimant's brother's school fees.

The claimant, who is referred to as 'A', suffered anoxic brain injury as an infant, causing cerebral palsy, epilepsy, cortical blindness and severe intellectual impairment. Prior to the injury, A's mother had consulted her general practitioner reporting that A was extremely pale and had respiratory problems. The practitioner advised A's mother not to worry, and to take her home. A's parents accepted a settlement of £5,000,00 on A's behalf, following a finding of liability against the general practitioner. A professional deputy was appointed to oversee the use of the funds.

The deputy applied to the Court for an order allowing him to pay for A's brother's school fees out of A's funds. The deputy contended that this expenditure was in A's best interests in order to maintain family harmony and to allow A's parents to continue to care for, and dedicate time, to her.

The Court agreed that this expenditure was in A's best interests. It considered that in making the decision, it was required to 'take a holistic approach and consider her welfare in the widest sense, not just financial, but social and emotional'.

The Court noted that the decision in this case was tailored to A's circumstances, and that it was not sanctioning the use of damages awards to pay sibling's school fees in other cases.

### New South Wales (NSW)

#### 9 July 2015 - *Bailey v Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Area Health District* [2015] NSWSC 910

Medical negligence – child born with cerebral palsy from which he died in adulthood – survival of action – claim by mother for the provision of gratuitous services in the nature of emotional support, socialisation and companionship and psychological and emotional care – evidence – proposed reliance by plaintiff on psychiatric report – where report contains general expressions concerning the value of maternal care – whether relevant to an issue in the proceedings – whether possibility of double counting of services provided – whether report contains an opinion based upon specialised knowledge.

**8 July 2015 - *Taniou v Australian Medical Council Ltd* [2015] NSWCA 189**

Appeal – application for leave to appeal – summary dismissal of proceedings – no prospects of success – leave refused.

**8 July 2015 - *Quach v Health Care Complaints Commission* [2015] NSWCA 187**

Procedure – judgments and orders – stay pending judicial review under *Supreme Court Act 1970* (NSW), s 69 – where order cancelling registration of health practitioner under s 149C of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NSW) effective immediately – where proposed grounds of 'merits' appeal not specified – where judicial review sought and statutory right of appeal not pursued – stay refused.

**Queensland**

**25 November 2014 - *Medical Board of Australia v Gilliland (No 2)* [2014] QCAT 699**

Medical practitioner – disciplinary proceedings – where the practitioner engaged in a sexual relationship with a patient – whether the practitioner has engaged in professional misconduct.

**16 December 2014 - *Medical Board of Australia v Gilliland (No 3)* [2014] QCAT 700**

Medical practitioner – disciplinary proceedings – where the practitioner engaged in a sexual relationship with a patient – whether the practitioner has engaged in professional misconduct.

**17 June 2015 - *Psychology Board of Australia v Cameron* [2015] QCAT 227**

Health practitioner regulation – psychologists – disciplinary proceedings – where practitioner charged with offences – where practitioner failed to notify Board of charges – where practitioner convicted of offences – where practitioner failed to notify Board of convictions – where practitioner answered 'no' to question pertaining to change in criminal history when applying for renewal of registration – where failure to disclose not deliberate – whether the failure to disclose amounted to unprofessional conduct.

**Victoria**

**24 June 2015 - *Physiotherapy Board of Australia v Sette* [2015] VCAT 932**

Health Practitioner Regulation National Law s 196 – whether physiotherapist sexually assaulted patient and/or otherwise engaged in professional misconduct and/or unprofessional conduct.

**3 July 2015 - *Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia v Omant* [2015] VCAT 919**

Professional misconduct – unprofessional conduct – unprofessional conduct of a serious nature – continuous course of conduct over 4 years – downloading child pornography at home.

**LEGISLATION**

**Commonwealth**

**8 July 2015 – Therapeutic Goods (Listing) Notice 2015 (No. 2).**

**6 July 2015 – Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Amendment Rules 2015 (No. 2).**

**6 July 2015 – Declaration of Quality Assurance Activity under section 124X of the Health Insurance Act 1973 – QAA 6/2015.**

**South Australia**

**2 July 2015 – Family Relationships (Surrogacy) Amendment Bill 2015 – introduced by Hon John Dawkins MLC.**

## REPORTS

### Australia. Commonwealth Ombudsman

#### Private health insurance complaints to the Commonwealth Ombudsman

From 1 July 2015, complaints about private health insurance should be directed to the Commonwealth Ombudsman.

Complaints previously directed to the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman ([www.phio.gov.au](http://www.phio.gov.au)) from health fund members, health funds, private hospitals or medical practitioners should now be directed to this office.

### Australia. Department of Health

#### Media releases

7 July 2015 – [Alastair Lucas AO](#) - It is with great sadness that I recognize the passing of Mr Alastair Lucas AO.

8 July 2015 – [Record numbers of Australians coming down with flu](#) - Minister for Health Sussan Ley is urging people to get their flu shots in response to new statistics that show the number of flu cases in Australia are up by over 50 per cent in 2015 as compared to the same time last year.

3 July 2015 – [\\$6.4m for nurses to deliver health in areas of greatest need](#) - A \$6.4 million Abbott Government commitment to a nursing in primary health care programme will aim to improve access to health care for rural and remote communities, older Australians and those with chronic disease.

1 July 2015 – [Nash urges consumers to make their voices heard on country of origin labeling](#) - Assistant Minister for Health Fiona Nash has urged shoppers to make their views known on country of origin labelling reform via the government's online survey, which closes Friday, 3 July.

#### Private Health insurance circulars

7 July 2015 – [PHI 44/15 Private Hospital Information – Name change](#)

6 July 2015 – [PHI 43/15 Private Health Insurance Amendment Act 2015](#)

6 July 2015 – [PHI 42/15 Changes to private health insurance legislation](#)

#### Medical Benefits Schedule

[2 July 2015 - The 1 July 2015 MBS XML, DOC, PDF and ZIP files are now available](#)

### Australia. Department of Social Services

8 July 2015 – [Update on My Aged Care.](#)

8 July 2015 – [Message from DHS: Quarterly Review.](#)

1 July 2015 – [Information for Aged Care Providers Newsletter: Special Extended Edition 1 July 2015.](#)

1 July 2015 – [Notification of Changes to Conditions of Allocation of Home Care Places.](#)

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

10 July 2015 – The Osteopathy Board releases its latest communiqué. [Read more.](#)

9 July 2015 – The Physiotherapy Board of Australia releases its latest communiqué. [Read more.](#)

8 July 2015 – Physiotherapy Board of Australia releases the answers to its survey. Thanks again to all those who contributed to the registrant survey which the Board conducted earlier this year. [Read more.](#)

7 July 2015 – Australia's health ministers have announced appointments and reappointments of Chairs, practitioner members and community members to fill vacancies arising across 12 National Boards. [Read more.](#)

7 July 2015 – The Medical Board of Australia and AHPRA respect the Supreme Court decision about Dr Philip Nitschke. [Read more.](#)

7 July 2015 – The Podiatry Board of Australia releases its latest communiqué. [Read more.](#)

6 July 2015 – Results of practitioner survey. In December 2014 the Board contracted Di Marzio Research to undertake a confidential survey of registered chiropractors. [Read more.](#)

6 July 2015- The Dental Board of Australia releases its latest communiqué. [Read more.](#)

6 July 2015 – The Psychology Board of Australia has released the June 2015 communiqué. [Read more](#)

2 July 2015 – The Dental Board of Australia and AHPRA have added 'Tips for dental patients' to help you make sure you are getting safe care from your dental practitioner. [Read more.](#)

1 July 2015 – Registration for Internationally trained Chinese medicine practitioners from 1 July 2015. The CMBA has established an interim framework for assessing the substantial equivalence of international qualifications for the purposes of section 53(b), detailing how to apply and what is required. [Read more.](#)

### **Australia. National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA)**

1 July 2015 – [NEHTA reduces time and effort for vendors connecting to the PCEHR.](#)

### **Australia. National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC)**

6 July 2015 – [Amendments to the Australian Immunisation Handbook \(10th Edition\) and the Clinical Practice Guidelines: Antenatal Care Module II.](#)

### **Australia. Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)**

9 July 2015 – [Post-Market Review of PBS Medicines Used to Treat Asthma in Children](#) - The Report to PBAC on PBS Medicines Used to Treat Asthma in Children has now been published on the Asthma Review web page.

3 July 2015 – [PBAC Public Summary Documents - March 2015](#) - The Public Summary Documents (Positive Recommendations and Subsequent Decisions Not to Recommend) from the March 2015 Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) meeting are now available.

3 July 2015 – [DUSC Utilisation Analysis Public Release Documents – February 2015](#) - The Public Release Documents from the February 2015 Drug Utilisation Sub Committee (DUSC) meeting are now available.

1 July 2015 – [Changes to the requirements for submitting to the PBAC that take effect July 2015](#) - The Department of Health has updated the way submissions are made to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) for listing medicines on the PBS. The documentation requirements have been revised and simplified.

1 July 2015 – [Cost of goods information \(PB11b form\) at the time of PBAC submission](#) Sponsors are reminded to provide cost of goods information (via a PB11b form) at the time of submission to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC). See also [PBAC Guidelines Checklists](#). The requirements to include cost of goods information in submissions to PBAC was introduced in April 2014 as part of the streamlining of PBS pricing processes following the cessation of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority. The provision of this information at the time of PBAC submission will allow important new medicines to be listed on the PBS at least four weeks earlier than was possible before April 2014.

1 July 2015 – [Transitioning of Herceptin Subsidy to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\)](#) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) have been prepared that outline the Transitioning of Herceptin Subsidy to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).



1 July 2015 – [PBS Website Update – 1 July 2015](#) The Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits was updated on 1 July 2015 and the Summary of Changes can be found on the New, Amended and Deleted Items page.

Australia. Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)

9 July 2015 – [Laopiao capsules](#) - Laopiao capsules pose a serious risk to your health and should not be taken.

9 July 2015 – [Ivabradine \(Coralan\)](#) - Safety advisory – risk of cardiovascular events in patients with angina.

8 July 2015 – [Reclassification of hip, knee and shoulder joint replacements](#) - The joint reclassification transition period ended on 30 June 2015.

7 July 2015 – [ACSOM meeting statement, Meeting 27, 1 May 2015](#) - Advisory Committee on the Safety of Medicines, Meeting 27 statement.

7 July 2015 – [Clinect Neria infusion sets](#) - Recall for product correction – potential for interruption of medicine delivery and/or infection due to needle breaking during use.

7 July 2015 – [Bushen Famous Men capsules](#) - Bushen Famous Men capsules pose a serious risk to your health and should not be taken.

6 July 2015 – [Golden Root complex capsules](#).

6 July 2015 – [Chemmart and Pharmacy Choice ibuprofen children's suspensions and Chemmart Children's Paracetamol 6 – 12 Years Concentrated](#) - Recall – risk of plastic fragments breaking from bottle and being ingested.

3 July 2015 – [Multidisciplinary guidelines](#) - Updated list of European Union multidisciplinary guidelines adopted in Australia.

3 July 2015 – [Consultations on adoption of European Union guidelines in Australia](#) - Consultation: EU guidelines proposed for adoption. Closing date: 14 August 2015.

3 July 2015 – [Prescription medicines: Submissions in the eCTD format now in Australia](#) - Prescription medicines sponsors can now submit dossiers to the TGA in the electronic Common Technical Document (eCTD) format.

2 July 2015 – [Updates to the Prescribing Medicines in Pregnancy database](#) - The database has been updated.

2 July 2015 – [Printing your ARTG certificate](#) - How to print your ARTG certificate.

1 July 2015 – [New and updated information on ACE](#) - The TGA has published new and updated information on the annual charge exemption (ACE) scheme.

1 July 2015 – [Clinical trials: New online form for CTN scheme](#) - A new online form is now available for the clinical trial notification (CTN) scheme.

1 July 2015 – [Summary of fees and charges from 1 July 2015](#).

1 July 2015 – [Medical Devices Safety Update, Volume 3, Number 4, July 2015](#) - In this issue: Action after registry data analysis; Environmental extremes; Button battery dangers; Infant sleep positioners reviewed.

1 July 2015 – [New and updated guidance](#) - The TGA has published a number of new and updated guidelines for applicants and sponsors.

#### **Australian Institute of Health & Welfare (AIHW)**

1 July 2015 – [Cancer screening updates to breast cancer and cervical](#).

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

6 July 2015 – On the Radar – Issue 230 ([PDF 98KB](#)) ([Word 129KB](#)).

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

9 July 2015 – [\\$1.3m upgrade to essential indigenous health service.](#)

9 July 2015 – [Surge in influenza as winter descends.](#)

7 July 2015 – [Car park closures at Canberra Hospital, 10 to 13 July 2015.](#)

1 July 2015 – [Increased renal dialysis services for Canberra.](#)

1 July 2015 – [Women encouraged to get life-saving breast and cervical screening.](#)

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

### Media Releases

2 July 2015 – [NSW Health and Dental Council of NSW warn of infection control breaches at four dental surgeries.](#)

6 July 2015 – [Outdoor dining areas now smoke-free in NSW.](#)

3 July 2015 – [Community pharmacists now vaccinating against influenza.](#)

3 July 2015 – [It's time to Make Healthy Normal.](#)

2 July 2015 – [Green light for construction to start on Northern Beaches Hospital.](#)

### Policy Directives & Guidelines

3 July 2015 – [Lifetime Care & Support Scheme \(LTCS Scheme\) – Charging Policy and Rates for Designated Units.](#)

1 July 2015 – [Official Travel.](#)

### Information Bulletins

1 July 2015 – [Non-Admitted Patient Data Collection: Changes for Reporting via WebNAP effective from 1 July 2015.](#)

### Publications

6 July 2015 – [MERS Coronavirus Travel Poster.](#)

1 July 2015 – [NSW State Health Plan: Progress Report 2015.](#)

30 June 2015 – [Clinical Ethics Support Literature Review.](#)

## **New South Wales. Health Care Complaints Commission**

6 July 2015 – [Dr Swapan Chowdhury – Stage 1 – finding of professional misconduct](#)

The Health Care Complaints Commission prosecuted Dr Swapan Chowdhury, a general practitioner, before the New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal. The complaint alleged unsatisfactory professional conduct and professional misconduct concerning Dr Chowdhury not complying with conditions imposed on his practice by the Medical Tribunal (as it was then known) in 2010.

## Northern Territory. Department of Health

9 July 2015 – **New service providing safe, culturally sensitive care in Tennant Creek** – The Country Liberals Government continues to make life safer for the most vulnerable children and young people in our communities.

9 July 2015 – **Tough love for youths** – Twenty-two youths have strapped on their boots and begun their eight day journey at Loves Creek Early Intervention Youth Boot Camp Program (EIYBCP).

8 July 2015 – **New resource provides 'light bulb' moment for offenders** – For the first time a newly developed resource allows offenders and their relatives to listen to court and parole orders in language, bringing about a better understanding for not only the offender but their families and the wider community.

7 July 2015 – **Safer and more stable homes for hundreds of Territory children** – The lives of hundreds of Territory children have been made safer and more stable now that amendments to the Care and Protection of Children Act have come into effect.

## Queensland. Department of Health

9 July 2015 – **Funding boost for Gold Coast sexual violence victim support** – Sexual violence victims will have better support services after a State Government funding boost gave the green light to a Gold Coast training and education initiative.

9 July 2015 – **New support for Queensland Mums and Dads** – Queensland Mums and Dads will have access to free support to help their families thrive with a new \$6.6 million innovative parenting program.

9 July 2015 – **Townsville community meets to tackle domestic violence against people with disability** – Government and community leaders will meet today to discuss ways the Townsville community can help tackle domestic and family violence in the disability sector.

7 July 2015 – **State Budget to deliver \$31.3 million to fight domestic violence** – The Palaszczuk Government will spend \$31.3 million over four years on a range of initiatives aimed at tackling domestic and family violence, including the trial of a specialist Domestic and Family Violence Magistrates Court at Southport.

## Tasmania. Department of Health & Human Services

8 July 2015 – **New Grassroots Mental Health initiative to provide community-based support** – The Hodgman Liberal Government took to the election a range of new funding initiatives to improve mental health services.

8 July 2015 – **More deceit from Labor over buried mental health report** – Labor are digging an even deeper hole for themselves over shocking revelations they commissioned, paid for and then buried a damning report.

7 July 2015 – **Health reform and record health funding will help address double shifts** – The Hodgman Liberal Government has a clear plan to fix our broken health system and record funding to match it.

7 July 2015 – **Defibrillator program saving lives in Tasmania** – The Liberal Government is committed to fixing the broken health system and ensuring Tasmanians in need get access to better health services.

7 July 2015 – **Health services in Tasman secured** – The Hodgman Liberal Government is very pleased that the Hobart District Nursing Service has agreed to continue operating health services.

6 July 2015 – **Homeless funding extension a win for our most vulnerable Tasmanians** – The Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to working to address homelessness in Tasmania. That's why we were pleased to sign up.

5 July 2015 – **Ambulance Tasmania** – An electrical outage occurred at Ambulance Tasmania's State Communication Centre in Hobart on Sunday morning.



3 July 2015 – [Positive outcome at Ministerial discussion about low-THC hemp in food](#) - The Hodgman Liberal Government's push to accelerate work on the lifting of the prohibition of hemp food products has been agreed to.

### Victoria. Department of Health

10 July 2015 – [Family violence initiative targets men's behaviour](#) – The Andrews Labor Government is boosting access to men's behaviour change programs to break the cycle of family violence. Minister for Families & Children, Jenny Mikakos, announced \$1 million would go to programs across the state focused on services for men seeking help. Under the initiative, \$600,000 will be allocated to voluntary men's behaviour change programs currently experiencing high demand. \$275,000 will be used to fund programs for Aboriginal men and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The Men's Referral Service, which provides anonymous and confidential telephone counselling and referrals for men seeking support for violent and controlling behaviour, will receive \$125,000.

8 July 2015 – [Ballarat health service shares in \\$6 million boost for Victoria's aged care homes](#) – On a visit to Ballarat today, Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing, Martin Foley announced health services across the state will share in close to \$6 million of new grants to help public aged-care facilities deliver the best possible care, now and into the future. More than \$4 million of the state-wide funding boost will go to vital refurbishments so public sector aged care facilities can meet modern, contemporary standards and provide better and safer living conditions for residents. To help provide the highest quality care, \$970,000 will be delivered to buy specialised medical equipment such as electronic beds, pressure-relieving mattresses, electronic shower chairs, mobility aids, lifting equipment, and diagnostic and treatment equipment.

8 July 2015 – [Health Services Model Annual Reporting Guidelines 2014-15 \(docx\)](#)

8 July 2015 – [Pro-forma tables embedded in Model Annual Reporting Guidelines 2014-15 \(xls\)](#)

8 July 2015 – [Changing places now available for more Victorians](#) – Victorians with disabilities and their carers will soon benefit from new well-equipped, accessible public toilets in three more locations across Victoria thanks to funding from the Andrews Labor Government, Minister for Housing, Disability & Ageing Martin Foley announced today. In Ballarat today Mr Foley joined representatives from the Association for Children with a Disability and the deputy mayor of the City of Ballarat at Livvis Place, Victoria Park, to announce the location of three new *Changing Places* facilities. *Changing Places* facilities are larger-than-standard accessible toilets and have extra features and more space to meet the needs of people with a disability and their carers. Each facility has a height-adjustable, adult-sized changing bench, a tracking hoist system, and space for two people in a safe and clean environment. The three new facilities, involving a total cost of \$330,000, will be built at Victoria Park in Ballarat, the central business district in Shepparton and at the St Kilda Lifesaving Club.

6 July 2015 – [Scott Morrison is wrong: Victoria has signed national deal on homelessness](#) – The Federal Minister for Social Services, Scott Morrison, has today wrongly accused the Andrews Labor Government of not signing up to the 2015–17 National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH). Victoria only received the agreement last week and signed it on 30 June. Victoria was concerned about delays to the agreement caused by the Federal Government and was forced to arrange interim finance for homelessness services to tide them over. Victoria's housing and homelessness budget has been cut by \$470 million over four years during the term of the previous State Liberal Government. This has forced more Victorians to turn for support to homelessness services, which have also been cut by the Abbott Government by over \$1 million a year under the new NPAH.

### Western Australia. Department of Health

#### Media Releases

9 July 2015 – [Minister for Health: Taste of things to come as new meals dished up](#) – Hospital catering services will be more accountable and responsive to feedback on food choices and quality at five metropolitan health facilities, under a new regime that will see staff and patients able to score dishes and have a greater say.

3 July 2015 – [Meningococcal infection in an adult](#) – The Department of Health today reported that a middle-aged adult is recovering in hospital after having been diagnosed with meningococcal disease.

## Operational Directives (OD)

9 July 2015 – [OD 0617/15](#) – Special Referral to Child Health Services – OD outlines the process for informing child health services of any known newborn and/or family risk factors in the antenatal or postnatal period. Included is the updated referral form to be utilised by services requiring a paper based process.

9 July 2015 – [IC 0224/15](#) – District Allowance rate 2015 Adjustments – Advice on District Allowance adjustments for 2015/16 financial year.

3 July 2015 – [OD 0615/15](#) – Annual Performance Management Framework – The Annual Performance Management Framework (PMF) is a strategic policy that supports the Department of Health's vision to deliver a safe, high quality, sustainable health system for all Western Australians. The PMF provides the health care system with a common set of performance objectives and targets across WA Health. The framework supports the delivery of agreed performance standards and manages performance as prescribed in Section 6.2 of the PMF.

## New Zealand. Ministry of Health

8 July 2015 – [Report of the Parliamentary Review Committee regarding the New Zealand Cervical Screening Programme: 2015](#) – The second report of the Parliamentary Review Committee for the National Cervical Screening Programme, undertaken in the first half of 2015.

## Canada. Department of Health

8 July 2015 – [Statement on Supreme Court of Canada Decision in R. v. Smith](#) – The purpose of this statement is to provide clarity and guidance regarding access to marijuana for medical purposes, further to the June 11, 2015, Supreme Court of Canada decision *R v. Smith*.

## United Kingdom (UK). Department of Health

9 July 2015 – [New rules about tobacco, e-cigarettes and smoking: 1 October 2015.](#)

6 July 2015 – [Children, Families and Maternity e-bulletin.](#)

6 July 2015 – [Committee on Mutagenicity: triennial review.](#)

3 July 2015 – [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority: triennial review.](#)

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

9 July 2015 – [CMS proposes major initiative for hip and knee replacements.](#)

6 July 2015 – [HHS awards Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program grants.](#)

6 July 2015 – [HHS awards improve health care, public health preparedness.](#)

## British Medical Association (BMA)

7 July 2015 – [BMA Cymru Wales response to the conclusion of Judicial Review proceedings against Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board \(BMA Wales\)](#) – Judicial Review proceedings at the High Court in Mold were formally concluded today when Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board finally abandoned its defence to the BMA-supported claim regarding consultation processes.

6 July 2015 – [BMA response to Alzheimer Society's survey of GPs which suggests patients with dementia are let down by lack of social care support](#) – Difficulty in accessing social care support has become an everyday reality for GPs, patients and carers. Sadly it is not only the case for those diagnosed with dementia, but also affects the large number of people living with long term conditions or with frail elderly relatives.

## American Medical Association (AMA)

9 July 2015 – **How patient care has changed in the ACA era: Ethical perspectives** – More than 16 million people have been covered by insurance under the *Affordable Care Act* (ACA), the most significant health care reform since Medicare and Medicaid. Read about the ethical implications the ACA has on a variety of issues.

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