

# AHHA Think Tank

Looking Over the Horizon: Where to next for the Australian health system?



**Date:** 12 April 2016

**Time:** 9:00am – 5:00pm

**Venue:** Rydges on Swanston  
701 Swanston Street  
Melbourne

**Cost:** Members - \$320  
Non-Members - \$590

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The Australian health system is currently under close scrutiny with a number of Government reviews aiming to reform the delivery and funding of healthcare services.

But with so much attention focused on the system we currently have, what of the challenges likely to be faced in healthcare just over the horizon, in the near future but beyond usual planning timeframes?

This Think Tank will examine the implications for the future of our healthcare system beyond the inevitable demographic shift that comes with an ageing population.

- Will Australia have a suitable workforce with the skills required to deliver healthcare in the near future?
- How should we balance the use of high and low cost technological solutions in healthcare?
- Can care from new technologies, often at higher cost, be a feature of our universal healthcare system? If not, what does this mean for future health inequalities?
- With these emerging technologies, how direct should consumer's role be in choices around the selection and delivery of their care journey?
- Are there international lessons that can be used to inform our understanding of these issues in the Australian context?

These and other issues will be explored by health system leaders as a contribution to broadening public policy discussion on health reform. How consumers can control their own patient journey and inevitable choices around who should fund these services are important considerations for public debate as we look over the horizon for the Australian health system.

