The Future of Funding







Conference Booklet

IHACPA Conference 2023

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Introduction

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we gather for the IHACPA Conference 2023, the Jagera and Turrbal peoples. We recognise their continuing connection to land, sea and community and we pay our respects to their Elders both past and present. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people attending this event.

On behalf of the Pricing Authority, I am pleased to welcome you to IHACPA Conference 2023: The Future of Funding held in Brisbane and online from 9–11 August 2023.

Bringing together the hospital and aged care sectors for the first time, this conference marks a new chapter of collaboration between government, industry and researchers across Australia. This series of conferences began in 2013 with a focus on casemix and then activity-based funding for public hospitals. Since then, our collective understanding of every part of the process from coding to payment has increased significantly.

But now in its 10th year we have broadened the conference theme to funding more generally as IHACPA's remit was expanded to aged care costing and pricing. Over three days, we will examine, debate and gain fresh insight into what the future of healthcare funding in Australia could – or should – look like.

I would like to extend my thanks to the expert speakers from Australia and overseas for their generous contributions and to the many delegates joining us from across the country. I wish you all an enjoyable and thought-provoking three days.





Mr David Tune AO PSM
Chair, Pricing Authority

Conference Overview

For the first time in-person since 2019, it's an honour to welcome you back to IHACPA Conference 2023. Our landmark tenth edition of the conference sets the stage for a pivotal exploration into the future of healthcare funding.

We express our gratitude for your attendance and participation at IHACPA Conference 2023. The next three days mark an important chapter in the evolution of Australia's healthcare system. This event is an opportunity like no other, where experts, policy makers, practitioners, and researchers will share their research, insights, and experiences to collectively push the health and aged care industry forward. We hope you will engage in these dynamic discussions as we begin this journey into the next stage of healthcare across Australia.

In the following pages you will find an outline of the program we've designed to maximise your conference experience. From interactive workshops that delve into the fundamentals of activity-based funding to captivating keynote presentations by distinguished speakers, we have curated a diverse range of sessions that cater to the interests and needs of every attendee.

As you navigate these days, we encourage you to seize every opportunity to learn, contribute, and shape the future of health and aged care. Immerse yourself in lively panel discussions, where you can join the conversation and have your questions answered. Network with key decision makers and engage in stimulating conversations in workshops that will broaden your professional horizons.

Beyond the knowledge-sharing, we have also prepared a line-up of social events to help you reconnect with new and familiar faces. Enjoy the Welcome Reception on Day 1, where you can meet fellow attendees in a relaxed cocktail atmosphere. Then, indulge in the Conference Dinner on Day 2, featuring an entertainment-packed evening to help you unwind. These moments of connection and celebration are designed to build on the sense of community and collaboration that is crucial to fostering innovation.

Once again, we extend our gratitude to you for being part of IHACPA Conference 2023. Get ready to embark on a remarkable journey of knowledge, growth, and inspiration. Together, let us create a future of transparent, sustainable, and high-quality health and aged care for all Australians.

Keynote Speakers



Prof Jody Currie

Prof Jody Currie is the Founding Board Director of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ageing and Aged Care Council, with 20 years' experience working across health, housing and human service delivery. She previously held senior roles in the community and government sector, including most recently as CEO at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service Brisbane.



David O'Toole

David O'Toole is President and CEO of the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) where he spearheads health data and information priorities in collaboration with federal, provincial, and territorial governments. David has led CIHI since 2014, following a notable career in Ontario's public service where he held several Deputy Minister positions.



Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM

Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM is a doctor in the emergency department of Gold Coast University Hospital. Dinesh graduated as the first quadriplegic medical intern in Queensland, was a senior advisor to the Disability Royal Commission and was named Queensland Australian of the Year in 2021.



Dr Jason Sutherland

Dr Jason Sutherland is Professor and Interim-Director of the Centre for Health Services and Policy Research at the University of British Columbia's School of Population and Public Health. Jason was a Canadian Harkness Research Fellow and was previously Ontario's Provincial Lead on the Value for Money program.



Tom Symondson

Tom Symondson is CEO of the Aged and Community Care Providers Association representing over 1,100 providers in Australia. With two decades of policy reform experience, including his previous role as CEO of the Victorian Healthcare Association, Tom is dedicated to shaping a reliable and sustainable aged care sector.



Prof Euan Wallace AM

As Secretary of the Victorian Department of Health, Professor Euan Wallace AM has over three decades of expertise in clinical practice and research alongside 15 years in governance. Euan has previously been CEO of Safer Care Victoria and Head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Monash University.



Ian Yates AM

Ian Yates AM currently serves as Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care in the Australian Government and is Chair of the Management Committee for the Australasian Journal on Ageing. Prior to taking on an inspector general role, Ian spent 20 years as CEO of the national Council on The Ageing (COTA).

Day 1 Overview

Workshops

Take your pick from our line-up of workshops with options available to suit different learning needs. Day 1 workshops will take place at 9:00am and promise valuable insights and hands-on learning opportunities.

Workshop 1 **Fundamentals of ABF**	Discover the ins and outs of activity-based funding (ABF) in the health and aged care sectors with a focus on policies, data collection, classifications, costing, and pricing. This workshop offers a crucial overview for beginners and a quick refresher for those with experience in ABF. We'll be looking at IHACPA's own ABF framework and exploring its practical application in hospital and residential aged care settings.
Workshop 2 **Introduction to costing**	Gain a comprehensive understanding of the end-to-end hospital costing process in this introductory workshop. We'll be taking a deep dive into key costing principles and methods, from designing and managing costing systems to using cost ledgers and cost centres effectively. Tailored to those with limited experience in costing hospital patient activity, this workshop lays the foundation for learning the intricacies of healthcare cost management.
Workshop 3 **Benchmarking portal**	Unlock the power of the National Benchmarking Portal in this hands-on introduction, where we'll help you master the portal features and dashboard with a live demonstration. Learn how to use the portal to compare cost and activity data from public hospitals across Australia, including through two new Safety and Quality dashboards. Designed for those familiar with ABF fundamentals, this workshop includes ample time for questions and discussion.
Workshop 4 **The process and development of the residential aged care pricing advice (RACPA23)**	Get an inside look at the development of the Residential Aged Care Pricing Advice (RACPA23) in this informative workshop. We will step through the essential components of developing advice including the role of policy, consultation, costing, and methodology. Participants can expect to leave with an increased understanding of how IHACPA develops advice and the important role that stakeholders play in the process.

Keynote presentations



A sustainable future for quality in aged care: establishing an effective pricing and costing framework

Tom Symondson
CEO, Aged and Community Care Providers Association (ACCPA), Australia



Healthcare funding: paying for health instead of volume

Dr Jason Sutherland
Professor and Interim-Director, Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, University of British Columbia, Canada

Invited speakers

Stream: Hospitals

Dr Adam Coltzau
Pricing Authority, IHACPA, Australia
> ABF outside the city and engagement with medicos

Dr Rhonda Kerr
Executive Director, Economics Health Services and Planning, Guidelines and Economists Network International (GENI), Australia
> Can diagnosis-based capital allocation facilitate more appropriate, sustainable and innovative acute care?

Dr Philip Haywood
Health Economist and Physician, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Australia
> Resilience and sustainability: opportunities and challenges

Sarah Neville
Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania, Australia/USA
> What makes bundled payments work? Lessons from the US

Stream: Aged care

Dr Stephen Judd AM
Deputy Chair, Aged Care Pricing, Pricing Authority, IHACPA, Australia
> If I were you I wouldn't start from here

Prof Michael Woods
Health Economics, Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation, University of Technology Sydney, Australia
> Sustainable funding of the aged care sector

Lesley Bryce
Advocate, Mentor and Founder, Bell Cares Inc, Australia
> Ageing in place in the bush

Abstract presentations

Stream: Aged care - implementing ABF

Dr David Cullen	Adjunct Professor, Macquarie University Centre For The Health Economy, Australia
Jonathan Lee	Project Manager, Aged Care Costing, IHACPA, Australia
Mia Shui	Project Manager, Aged Care Costing, IHACPA, Australia
Myles Cover	Associate Director, KPMG, Australia
Patrick Power	Managing Director, Powerhealth, Australia

Stream: Accounting for value in an ABF system

Suchit Handa	Director of Safety and Quality Improvement Systems, Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Australia
Marie Hall	Founder, Clinical Documentation Services, Australia
Alisa Higgins	Senior Research Fellow, Australian And New Zealand Intensive Care Research Centre, Monash University, Australia
Juan Paolo Legaspi	Deputy CEO, Victorian Healthcare Association, Australia
Prof Tarun Bastiampillai	Professor of Psychiatry, Flinders University, Australia

Stream: Healthcare classifications

Susan Claessen	Classification Analyst, Acute Care Classifications, IHACPA, Australia
Rosie Ohlsson	Manager, Classifications, IHACPA, Australia
Kevin Ratcliffe	Senior Advisor Casemix, Tasmanian Department of Health, Australia
Renée Porter	Manager, Classifications, IHACPA, Australia
Anne Elsworthy	Director, Acute Care Classifications, IHACPA, Australia

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Day 2 Overview

Workshops

Join us for the next round of interactive workshops. Brush up on the fundamentals of ABF, explore our national pricing model, discover the future of classifications, or learn how to perfect your application for Refundable Accommodation Deposits.

Workshop 1
Fundamentals of ABF

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Workshop 2
Pricing, safety and quality

This workshop is your introduction into Australia's national pricing model with a focus on pricing, safety and quality initiatives. Participants will examine the key elements of the pricing model, including the classifications used for each service stream, the collection of data used in the model, and the conversion of costs to price through adjustments and indexation. While this workshop is aimed at a general audience, it features some technical aspects suited those with a background in data or cost modelling.

Workshop 3
Classifications

Explore the pivotal role of classifications in activity-based funding through this interactive workshop. We'll examine IHACPA's current classifications and their development across a diverse range of care settings including acute, non-acute, emergency, mental health and aged care. Participants will follow the journey of a patient with COVID-19 through various classifications and take a look at how classifications may evolve in the future. Suitable for those seeking an introduction or further insight into how IHACPA develops classifications.

Workshop 4
Accommodation

Join us for a walk-through of the application process for Refundable Accommodation Deposits and Extra Service Fee increases. Gain valuable insights into the required information, necessary formats, and supporting evidence. Participants will learn the key elements of a successful application, common pitfalls to avoid, and the policy requirements. We will provide practical examples that demonstrate how to apply indexation according to relevant legislation and principles.

Keynote presentations



Funding and growing culturally safe aged care services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Prof Jody Currie
Founding Board Director, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ageing and Aged Care Council, Australia



Fistful of dollars or a few dollars more?

Prof Euan Wallace AM
Secretary, Victorian Department of Health, Australia

Panel discussion



Funding health and aged care into the future – achieving outcomes, efficiency and quality

Facilitator:
Host

Panelists:
Prof Henry Cutler - Director, Macquarie University Centre for the Health Economy, Australia

Dr Stephen Duckett - Director, Grattan Institute's Health and Aged Care Program, Australia

Sarah Neville - PhD, Australian Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania, Australia/USA

Prof Michael Pervan - CEO, IHACPA, Australia

Prof Michael Woods - Health Economics, Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation, University of Technology Sydney, Australia



International perspectives on funding and other health and aged care system challenges

Facilitators:
Deniza Mazevska - President, Patient Classification Systems International, Australia

Jim Pearse - Director, Health Policy Analysis, Australia

Panelists:
Dr Petra Došenović Bonča - Health Economist Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana

Dr Kristiina Kahur - CEO, Nordic Casemix Centre, Estonia

Mark O'Connor - Head of Costing, Healthcare Pricing Office, Ireland

Jugna Shah - President, Nimitt Consulting Inc, USA

Abstract presentations

Stream: Data driven ABF

Dr Anna Cohen	Principal, Taylor Fry, Australia
Andrew Haywood	Executive Director, Funding Policy, Accountability And Data Insights, Victorian Department Of Health, Australia
Stephen Cole	Director Finance Improvement Advisory, Telstra Health, Australia

Stream: Aged care - delivering effective funding

Gevevieve Donnelly	Executive Director, Aged Care Policy and Communications, IHACPA, Australia
Sophie Feng	A/g Manager, Aged Care Policy, IHACPA, Australia
Krittika Khotthong	PhD Student, Mahidol University, Thailand
Dr Arthorn Riewpaiboon	Associate Professor, Mahidol University, Thailand
Dr Nicole Sutton	Senior Lecturer, University Of Technology Sydney, Australia
Dr Nelson Ma	Senior Lecturer, University Of Technology Sydney, Australia

Stream: Value-based health funding

Prof Henry Cutler	Director, Macquarie University Centre for the Health Economy, Australia
Dr Paul Fennessy	Principal, Paul Fennessy Advisory, Australia
Dr Kathryn Antioch	CEO, Guidelines and Economists Network International (GENI), Australia
John Pilla	Director, Health Funding Policy And Program Evaluation, Australia

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Day 3 Overview

Keynote presentations



The role of the Inspector-General of Aged Care in relation to sustainable funding

Ian Yates AM
Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care, Australia



Why the 'why' is so important

Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM
Gold Coast University Hospital, Australia



Data, efficiencies and outcomes: a Canadian perspective on funding health services and aged care

David O'Toole
President and CEO, Canadian Institute for Health Information, Canada

Panel discussion

Implementing reform - funding aged care through collective action

Facilitator:
Host

Panelists:
Janet Anderson - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner, Australia

Thea Connolly - First Assistant Secretary, Department of Health, Australia

Prof Michael Pervan - CEO, IHACPA, Australia

Ian Yates AM - Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care, Australia

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Social Events



Day 1

Welcome reception

17:15 - 18:45
Plaza Foyer and Plaza Terrace

Includes canapés, refreshments and networking opportunities with acquaintances old and new.

Day 2

Conference dinner

19:00 - 23:00
Plaza Ballroom

Wrap up the second day with a delicious three-course meal in the Plaza Ballroom, featuring a sit-down dinner hosted by Peter Rowsthorn. This entertainment-packed evening is the perfect opportunity to network with fellow attendees.





Day 3

Farewell breakfast

09:00 - 09:45
Plaza Foyer

End the conference on a high note at our Farewell Breakfast. This standing event is your chance to say your goodbyes and exchange contact details with new networks.

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Thank you for attending IHACPA Conference 2023. We hope to see you again in the future.

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