



MEDIA ALERT

AMA FAMILY DOCTOR WEEK, 24- 30 July 2016

Your Family Doctor: Invaluable to your health

Family Doctor Week is the AMA’s annual celebration of the hard work and dedication of Australia’s GPs – your family doctors.

Each year, the AMA reminds the community of the vital role played by local family doctors in keeping Australians healthy.

Having a trusted family doctor is good for your health. People who have an ongoing relationship with a family doctor are shown to have better health outcomes.

This year, the theme for Family Doctor Week is *Family Doctors: Invaluable to your health*.

During Family Doctor Week, the AMA will issue media releases highlighting the vital role played by family doctors in preventative health, aged care, and end of life care, and raise contemporary health policy issues such as the Medicare rebate freeze and general practice training and funding.

The AMA encourages local media to make contact with family doctors in your town, suburb, or local community to hear their stories about the joys and the challenges of providing quality health care in your area.

State and Territory AMAs can help you find local family doctors. Please contact:

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