



## MEDIA ALERT

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### Looking through the 'value for money lens'

Health reformers, under the demand of the Allied Health Professions Australia, need to look through the 'value for money lens' when it comes to choosing health providers.

Dr Mukesh Haikerwal, Commissioner to the National Health & Hospitals Reform Commission, was speaking at the AHPA conference in Canberra today highlighted the issues of equity, compassion, fairness, and finite resources as paramount in the delivery of health care under the better health initiatives of the Australian government.

Allied Health professionals under a new post reform healthcare framework are well positioned to deliver just that to the ailing Australian consumer.

*Dr Haikerwal is currently working with the National e-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA) appraising the clinical health professional community of the benefits of vital role of IT in healthcare.*

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