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Yours sincerely



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# Ramsay Health Care Managers Conference 2014

## The Tardis of Private Health Insurance

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## 2014 – Age of Aquarius

- Insurers and policyholders mostly pay whatever doctors and hospitals demand based upon fee for service.
- Insurers pay the same fee irrespective of clinical performance and quality.
- Doctors, hospitals and every other clinical provider has an economic incentive to drive volume. Consumers don't know any better and mostly don't care (moral hazard).
- Doctors and hospitals have a guaranteed "floor price" irrespective of clinical performance and efficiency.
- Hospitals buy prosthetic and medical devices but insurers do the paying.
- Aggregate private hospital revenue is estimated at \$13 billion.
- Private health insurance premiums are rising 6-7% pa.

## 2016 – Waxing consumers sovereignty

- Insurers contract with GPs for the purposes of better managing “frequent flyers” and reducing unnecessary volume, especially hospital admissions.
- All hospital provider contracts exclude payment for ‘never ever’ events and other markers of poor clinical quality, such as readmission within seven days.
- Consumers and their GP’s have “trip advisor” style data on doctor and hospital performance to improve choices.
- Insurers collectively negotiate and buy prosthetic and medical devices.
- Hospital contract fees reflect greater cost transparency and market forces with ACCC oversight.
- Aggregate private hospital revenue is estimated at \$14.5 billion.

## 2020 – The earth is flat after all

- All hospital payments are DRG based but remain fee for service thereby still inviting volume.
- There are four major insurers with further international ownership.
- DVA is outsourced and operated by an insurer.
- Private hospitals role in building and operating public hospitals is significant and accelerating.
- Doctors and hospitals compete with international providers but conversely, service many foreigners.
- Private sector delivers all government payment mechanisms such as Medicare and PBS.
- Aggregate private hospital revenue is estimated at \$20 billion.

## 2025 – The end of the policy Darleks

- “Medicare Select” is in place with insurers covering the entire healthcare spectrum. Insurers compete for customers via product, service and price.
- Public healthcare funding is centred upon those who would otherwise be left behind via comprehensive Medicare cover. Insurers compete for Medicare participants and intermediate.
- Private sector operates entire public hospital system under contract.
- Integrated care organisations (GPs, specialists and hospitals) are paid on a capitation and outcome basis.
- PHI coverage is global.
- People move freely across international borders for healthcare.
- Aggregate private hospital revenue is estimated at \$25 billion.

# A brave new world for Private Hospitals

- More of our national spending will be upon private hospitals because:
  - Superior value proposition and increasing consumer wealth.
  - Greater efficiency.
  - Government fiscal challenges.
- But cost inflation must be managed to keep PHI affordable and value.
- Insurers will look to shift risk to hospitals and doctors as they are better placed to manage risk.
- Hospitals will not be paid upon volume but upon health and clinical outcomes.
- Australian private hospitals will be part of a global market and all other things being equal, should do very well.