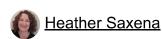6minutes **News**

Doctors and the stupid stuff — new campaign targets most ridiculous admin demands

AMA Victoria has launched a petition calling on the State Government to implement a bureaucracy-busting campaign in all public health services.

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The spectacle of doctors being dragged away from patients to order office supplies and geriatricians having to undergo a working-with-children check are being targeted in a campaign to end 'stupid stuff' that wastes doctors' time.

AMA Victoria has launched a petition calling on the State Government to implement the global Get Rid of Stupic Stuff (GROSS) program, to weed out pointless administrative tasks which interrupt patient care.

"It is time to support them by cutting out the 'stupid stuff' that wastes time, money, and energy," the petition states.

So what exactly is the 'stupid stuff' faced by doctors in Victoria?

- Geriatricians being required to obtain Working With Children Checks
- Lack of headers on pathology and radiology results, making it unclear to doctors where the tests were conducted
- Doctors in training needing to fill out new employment paperwork every 6-12 months, as they rotate between health services.
- Doctors having to order office supplies or send faxes, due to a lack of administrative staff
- Doctors needing to open five different computer programs to run an outpatient clinic
- Delays due to results and discharge summaries not being readily available within a health service or general practice
- Excessive paperwork to claim CPD allowances
- The administrative burden of WorkCover reports and certificates
- Duplicate, mandatory annual training modules that doctors often have to repeat as they move between various public health services

As of Thursday, the petition had been signed by over 620 doctors.

GROSS launched in Hawaii and has since been implemented by some US hospitals as well as Western Health in Victoria and Queensland Health.

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