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New primary health care organisations – AGPN CEO Melbourne doorstep

The Prime Minister, Mr Kevin Rudd, today announced the creation of primary health care organisations to improve access to health care to all Australians.

The primary health care organisations will develop from general practice networks or divisions of general practice which already exist around Australia.

The national peak body for the Network - the Australian General Practice Network (AGPN) – has welcomed the government's decision to put general practice care at the centre of the health system with these new organisations.

AGPN CEO Mr David Butt said organising health care around general practice was the key to improving health care services, access and outcomes for all Australians.

"We can't just keep doing more of the same - we need to change, to do things smarter, and primary health care organisations are the smart way of doing things better.

"There is international evidence that health systems with general practice and primary health care at the core achieve better health outcomes and better value for money. It's about time Australia got on board and caught up with those many countries which have already headed in this direction," he said.

WHO: Mr David Butt, CEO, Australian General Practice Network (AGPN) the national peak body for Australian general practice networks/divisions of general practice

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