

AMS applauds 2025 Commonwealth Budget announcements

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The Australasian Menopause Society (AMS) has welcomed the further health initiatives for midlife women as outlined in the 2025/2026 federal budget. Alongside the March 1, 2025, additions to the PBS, the Federal Government announced:

- \$26.3 million for a new Medicare rebate for menopause health assessments
- \$4.4 million investment over three years to develop national clinical guidelines and deliver professional development courses for health professionals
- \$12.8 million for an awareness campaign relating to perimenopause and menopause

AMS Board President, Dr Sylvia Rosevear hopes that the Medicare rebate for health assessments will contribute to improving access for care for Australian midlife women, pending more details.

Dr Rosevear said, 'Because of the complexity of menopause consultations, including individualising investigations and management, they take time. Now women have the opportunity to have quality attention from their healthcare professionals.'

'The AMS commends funding to comprehensively train health professionals which should ensure that perimenopausal and menopausal patients receive a consistent approach from their medical advisors and are treated with the best evidence-based care.

The creation of a national awareness campaign is a positive for all women and their families. A campaign will demystify menopause, and the health issues associated with both perimenopause and menopause.'

Dr Rosevear concludes, 'The AMS looks forward to working alongside the Commonwealth Government on many of these measures, to increase health provider and patient awareness on the menopause pending further information. This investment into women's health is truly pleasing in caring for perimenopausal and menopausal patients in all parts of Australia.'

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