



Inaugural Memorial John McPhee Debate

Should we adopt a no-fault system of compensation for medical errors?

The Clinical Unit in Ethics and Health Law ('CUEHL') is pleased to present the inaugural memorial John McPhee debate: an annual event designed to inform debate and encourage discussion on a current health law or clinical ethics issue.

John McPhee was a long-time member of CUEHL, and a highly regarded member of the broader ethics and law community in Australia. He died in 2007. John was a true expert in his field of legal studies. He taught for many years at the University of Newcastle and collaborated on a number of books about health law.

Speakers:

Professor Jim Davis is a legal academic who has been a member of the Law Faculty at the Australian National University for many years. He was appointed a Professor of the Faculty in 1989. His principal research interests are in the areas of tort and contract and his publications include *The Law of Contract* (with Professor Don Greig) and *The Law of Torts* (with Dr Rosalie Balkin). Professor Davis has for many years advocated a no-fault accident compensation scheme for Australia, similar to that which operates in New Zealand.

David Hirsch is a Sydney barrister who specialises in medical negligence litigation. Prior to his time as a barrister, he practised as a solicitor and was involved in a number of notable cases including *Chappel v Hart*, *PD v Dr Harvey* and the wrongful life case of *Harriton v Stephens*. David is a firm proponent of the view that suing doctors makes for safer health care.

**Venue: Royal Newcastle Centre,
John Hunter Hospital
(Lecture theatre: Level 1)**

Date: Monday 8 September 2008

Time: 6 pm for 6.30 pm start

Cost: Free

Refreshments will be available