



VIOLENCE AGAINST HEALTH CARE MUST END: IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE & DEATH

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS & THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC)

INVITE YOU TO THE **WA** LAUNCH OF THE **HEALTH CARE IN DANGER PROJECT**

Attacks against health workers, health facilities and people in need of health care during times of armed conflict and other situations of violence is one of the major humanitarian challenges in the world today.

When a clinic is looted, an ambulance delayed at a checkpoint or a hospital attacked, the suffering caused is all too real. Medical workers and those in need of health care regularly suffer threats or attacks when attempting to provide or seek medical treatment. ICRC, Red Cross and Red Crescent staff and volunteers frequently see significant and unnecessary casualties. The *Health Care in Danger* project launched by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement aims to:

- address the illegal acts that obstruct the delivery of health care;
- strengthen the protection of the sick and wounded; and
- ensure safe access to effective and impartial health care during armed conflict and other situations of violence.

On 5 October the *Health Care in Danger* project will be explored in WA along with the results of the ICRC's first-ever study on violence against health care. The ICRC will outline the campaign and a medical delegate will share a personal perspective on the growing threat to health workers and the consequences for those in need.

SPEAKERS

Jeremy England, Head, Australian Office, International Committee of the Red Cross

Dr Jenny Stedmon, Chair, Australian Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Committee (WA)

International Health Delegate (name to be confirmed)

EVENT DETAILS

- DATE:** Wednesday 5th October 2011
- TIME:** 6pm for a prompt 6.30pm start to 8pm (approx)
- VENUE:** Economics and Commerce Conference Room
Economics and Commerce Building
University of Western Australia
Hackett Drive, Crawley
Hackett entry 1, car park 3
- RSVP:** Vivienne Ryan email: vryan@redcross.org.au