

Ted's Friday Five

WTF Happened in AI Allied Health This Week?

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Helping Clinic Owners Implement AI Safely & Effectively for Better Clinical Outcomes.

This bulletin is the written companion to Ted's weekly Friday Five video — the signals that actually matter for allied health clinic owners, minus the hype. Ted Jedynek is a podiatrist, educator and business coach based in Adelaide, and the practical implementer behind the Clinical Intelligence Program (AI+HI=CI), which helps clinic owners put AI to work safely, compliantly, and profitably.

1. Your Privacy Act Deadline Just Started Ticking

From 10 December 2026, Privacy Act amendments introduce new obligations for “automated decision-making” — any system with limited or no human involvement that significantly affects a patient — and there is no small-business exemption, so a two-chair clinic carries the same obligation as a hospital network, with the regulator naming healthcare a high-risk sector and fines starting at \$62,600.

Why this matters to your clinic:

Most clinic owners running an AI scribe, triage bot, or booking tool have no documented process for this and no idea the deadline exists. This is a live compliance risk sitting inside tools clinics already use every day, not a theoretical future problem.

Your move:

Audit every AI tool in your clinic this month and confirm, in writing, whether it makes decisions with “limited human involvement.” If you can’t answer that in one sentence, that’s your starting point.

2. Big Tech Built AI for Hospitals, Not Your Clinic

OpenAI has launched ChatGPT for Healthcare (enterprise-grade, already adopted by health systems like Cedars-Sinai) plus a consumer ChatGPT Health tab; Microsoft’s Copilot Health and Google’s Gemini-powered Fitbit Coach are chasing the same space — all aimed at large health systems or consumers, none built for a small allied health practice.

Why this matters to your clinic:

Your patients are walking in already “AI-briefed” about their symptoms, and research shows most clinicians want clinical AI vetted by a trusted clinical voice, not a tech company — 77% say they always or often validate AI output before acting on it. That validation gap is exactly where the Clinical Intelligence Program sits.

Your move:

Build one clear response for the “but ChatGPT said...” conversation and start using it in clinic this week — don’t dismiss the patient or the tool.

3. The CPD “Competitor” That Isn't Really One

UK outfit Health AI CPD is offering free, CPD-accredited courses teaching generic ChatGPT skills to healthcare professionals broadly, hosted on Kajabi — with no Ahpra, TGA, or Privacy Act grounding, and no allied-health specificity.

Why this matters to your clinic:

It validates that demand for AI education is real and monetisable, but it’s thin and generic — a reminder that the Australian, allied-health-specific, implementation-first lane is still open, and shrinking the longer nobody claims it loudly.

Your move:

Spend ten minutes reviewing their pricing and course structure, then sharpen one line on your own sales page distinguishing AI literacy (them) from AI implementation (you).

4. A Citable Evidence Base Just Dropped

The US-based Coalition for Health AI released a new Implementation Playbook and Testing & Evaluation Framework for Ambient AI on 15 July 2026, giving health organisations a structured approach to rolling out tools like ambient scribes.

Why this matters to your clinic:

Your audience is evidence-hungry and sceptical of hype — referencing a credible international framework signals you’re tracking the serious end of this space, and frameworks like this tend to get cited by regulators within 6–12 months.

Your move:

Reference the CHAI Playbook in your next piece of content now, ahead of Ahpra or a peak body pointing to something similar.

About Ted Jedynak

Ted Jedynak is a podiatrist, educator, and business coach based in Adelaide, South Australia, and the founder of TEDucation. His Clinical Intelligence Program (AI+HI=CI — Artificial Intelligence + Human Intelligence = Clinical Intelligence) helps allied health clinic owners implement AI into their practice practically, safely, and without the hype. He is a practising clinician first — not a tech commentator — which is exactly why clinic owners trust what he teaches.

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