

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 five-minute version of what actually matters this week for allied health clinic owners running (or thinking about running) AI in their practice. Ted Jedynak is a podiatrist, educator, and business coach in Adelaide, and runs the Clinical Intelligence Program (AI+HI=CI) — a structured, evidence-based pathway for clinic owners to implement AI properly instead of guessing.

1. The December 10 Deadline Lands on Every Clinic

From 10 December 2026, Privacy Act amendments require any clinic using AI to help make a decision affecting a patient — booking, triage, intake, risk-flagging — to disclose it in their privacy policy, with no small-business exemption for healthcare and penalties running from \$330,000 up to the greater of \$50 million, three times the benefit gained, or 30% of turnover for serious breaches; the regulator has already named healthcare a high-risk sector.

Why this matters to your clinic:

Most clinics running an AI scribe or a “smart” booking tool have no documented consent or disclosure process at all. This isn't a hypothetical compliance risk — it's a dated, dollar-figured obligation that lands whether you're a solo operator or a twelve-chair clinic.

Your move:

List every tool in your clinic that touches AI, check whether your privacy policy discloses it, and get it sorted well before October so December doesn't catch you out.

2. Your AI Tool Might Legally Be a Medical Device

The TGA's February 2026 guidance confirms that classification hinges on intended purpose, not marketing language: scribing and admin tools are generally fine, but any AI feature that supports diagnosis, predicts deterioration, or influences a clinical decision can cross into regulated Software as a Medical Device (SaMD) territory — and the TGA specifically flagged “feature creep,” where a routine app update quietly changes a tool's legal status.

Why this matters to your clinic:

You could be one software update away from using an unapproved medical device without knowing it. This is the “safely” in Implement AI Safely and Effectively — a live compliance

question, not a slogan.

Your move:

Pick one AI tool you currently use or recommend and ask it the blunt question: does this influence a clinical decision? Write the answer down — that's your paper trail.

3. AI Just Moved Into Your Practice Software, Invited or Not

SimplePractice, a major practice management platform, has launched “Care Aide” — an AI suite built into the software covering session prep, note-taking, treatment planning and client summaries. It lands alongside fresh data showing 80%+ of clinicians now use AI at work, double the 2023 rate, while 70% describe their training as inadequate or non-existent.

Why this matters to your clinic:

Cliniko, Nookal, Halaxy and the rest will follow. The question is shifting from “should I adopt AI” to “I already have it — am I using it properly?” That's a bigger, more urgent audience than the one selling AI adoption has been chasing.

Your move:

Check your practice software's update notes before you click accept. If you don't know what a new AI feature does with patient data, don't wave it through.

4. Ted's Live Webinar for the Australian Podiatry Association

Ted is running a free, hands-on webinar for APodA on Wednesday, 5 August 2026 (6:30pm SA time), “Your Notes Are Taking Too Long. AI Can Fix That.” — a 40-minute session plus Q&A, worth 1 hour of Category 1 CPD, free for APodA members (\$100 for non-members).

Why this matters to your clinic:

This is a working session, not a lecture — attendees have an AI scribing tool open on their own screen and walk out having actually used it. That's the AI+HI=CI model, live.

Your move:

Register via podiatry.org.au/events — search “Your notes are taking too long.” Certificates issued 3–5 business days post-event.

About Ted Jedynak

Ted Jedynak is a podiatrist, educator, and business coach based in Adelaide, South Australia. Through TEDucation, he runs the Clinical Intelligence Program (AI+HI=CI — Artificial Intelligence + Human Intelligence = Clinical Intelligence), a structured, evidence-based pathway that helps allied health clinic owners put AI to work in their practice properly, without the hype and without the compliance headaches.

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