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UNIT 3 – AUSTRALIA’S HEALTH
AREA OF STUDY 2 – PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Key Knowledge for this chapter – The role of Australia’s health system in promoting health – funding, sustainability, access and equity – each of these four areas impact on each other.

Readings Jacaranda textbook pages 212-222

1. What does funding include?
2. Australia’s health system operates with the combined funding from the federal and state/territory governments, private health insurance, other forms of insurance funds and individuals – refer to figure 6.17 on page 213 for more details on funding.
3. What was the expenditure on health in Australia in 2014-2015.
4. Expenditure of health has increased over time, why?
6. The private sector provides what % and how many billion in 2014-2015? And in what areas?
7. The key considerations for a sustainable health system are – 1. funding and regulation, 2. efficient health system and workforce, 3. disease prevention and 4. early intervention and research and monitoring – provide an overview of each?
8. Interventions have been put in place to increase access to healthcare for people of all socioeconomic backgrounds – list them?
9. Explain how access in all geographical areas can be achieved?
10. Explain the “Indigenous Health Incentive”? page 220
11. Our health system needs to be equitable and fair for all people – Medicare promotes equity by providing hospital care for all Australians, regardless of their ability to pay. A range of factors contribute to disadvantage in using the health system including chronic illness, poverty, discrimination and access to healthcare. Make a list of all the interventions designed to promote equity? Page 221.