INQUIRY INTO HEALTH OUTCOMES AND ACCESS TO HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES IN RURAL, REGIONAL AND REMOTE NEW SOUTH WALES

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Resources are poor, even in larger regional centres.

I know a lady in her early 70s, who has been waiting over 6 months for the radiology appointment that will enable her to get a much needed cortisone injection.

When she finally makes her appointment, she will have to pay at least \$400 out of pocket as well.

In my own experience, I've discovered it's quicker to get an appointment for skin checks when I visit my family in a capital city.

Getting appointments when you work full time is much more difficult and inconvenient than doing so in Sydney.