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### NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR ACCOLADES FOR EXCELLENCE

The *Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (CS&H ISC) National Accolades for Excellence* are being awarded for the first time in 2009. The Accolades for Excellence will acknowledge outstanding achievements by organisations in the Community Services and Health Industries across nine categories.

Follow the link for more information and how to nominate.

[https://www.cshisc.com.au/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=220&Itemid=324](https://www.cshisc.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=220&Itemid=324)

### ABS PUBLICATION ON CAUSES OF DEATH IN 2007 NOW AVAILABLE

Causes of Death statistics, and the use of these statistics for demographic and health purposes, are key to understanding Australian society and for formulation and monitoring of policies. Causes of death information provide insights into the diseases and factors contributing to reduced life expectancy. Causes of death statistics are one of the oldest and most comprehensive set of health statistics available in Australia

The full report is available at:

<http://agent.capmon.com/largefiles/p090504208.pdf>

### REGISTER NOW FOR THE 29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL APHA NATIONAL CONGRESS

Visit APHA's new Congress website <http://www.apha.consec.com.au/> for more details about this year's event to be held 11 – 13 October at the Grand Hyatt Melbourne.

### UPCOMING REVIEWS OF THE PROSTHESES LIST

The Department of Health and Ageing has published the reviews to be undertaken in August 2009. They are:

- February 2009 & July 2008 Protheses List Cycles truncated benefit offers (review of benefits only, if requested by sponsor)
- Ear, Nose and Throat Non CAG products
- Neurosurgical Non CAG products
- Orthopaedic Non CAG products – Review and refinement of Groups only
- Plastic & Reconstructive Non CAG products
- General & Misc Non CAG Mesh products
- Spinal CAG – Group 6 & Trabecular metal
- Knee CAG – Group 10 & LARS Ligament
- Hip CAG – Groups 15, 21, 28 & 29

The latest Protheses Circular is available at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/privatehealth-pdc-bulletin28.htm>

### LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT DATA ON SENTINEL EVENTS - REMINDER

Three weeks ago, we wrote to all APHA members to request data on the number of sentinel events in your facility in 2007/2008 in order for private hospital sector data to appear in the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare's National Report 2009.

The deadline for reporting has now passed and it is imperative we get any remaining data ASAP so it can be consolidated and forwarded to the Commission.

### SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUCCESSES AT PRIVATE HOSPITALS

Does your hospital have a successful solution to help the environment? Do you have an environmentally sustainable program or an innovative answer to waste disposal? Does your hospital have a kitchen garden where items grown are used in the hospital or are grown for therapeutic purposes? If you have any environmental programs running at your hospital, please contact Lisa Ramshaw, APHA's Public Affairs Manager, [Lisa.Ramshaw@apha.org.au](mailto:Lisa.Ramshaw@apha.org.au) or on 02 6273 9000. Deadline for article submission is 15 May.

### HAVE A QUESTION FOR APHA? DON'T KNOW WHO TO CONTACT?

APHA has undergone a number of staff changes in the past few months. If you aren't sure who to contact with your query, here's a list of who we are and what we do:

**Michael Roff**, CEO – organisation issues, Board and Council issues ([Michael.roff@apha.org.au](mailto:Michael.roff@apha.org.au))

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