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Early Bird Registration Closes for APHA Congress On Tuesday

Don't forget to register for the APHA Annual Congress before Tuesday, 21 July in order to receive the early bird discount! Register online at www.apha.consec.com.au. The Congress will be held 11-13 October 2009 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Melbourne.

2009 APHA/Baxter Awards for Quality and Excellence – Enter by 30 July

Time is running out to nominate your hospital for the APHA / BAXTER AWARDS 2009. Visit www.apha.org.au to access the awards brochure and for further details. APHA would like to encourage all current members to submit an entry in the following awards categories:

1. Clinical Excellence
2. Ambulatory Care
3. Community Involvement

What better way to reward your staff and promote your hospital's pursuit of excellence in the industry?

Entries close on 30th July 2009

ACSQHC Seeks Submissions on Clinical Deterioration

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is seeking written submissions on the development of a Consensus Statement setting out the essential elements required for effectively recognising and responding to clinical deterioration.

The Commission comments: "The aim of this initiative is to develop a national, evidence-based consensus statement about the:

- importance of providing safe and high quality care to patients who deteriorate in hospitals
- systems that are required to recognise these patients, and respond to them appropriately
- organisational systems required to ensure that patients who deteriorate are recognised and responded to.

A national approach will support a consistent and coordinated response to the management of clinical deterioration, and also communicate the importance of this as a key safety and quality issue."

There is a consultation paper on the issue on which comments are sought by 25 September. It can be found at: <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/content/com->

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New Study Published on Private Health Insurance

A recently study published in the journal *Australian and New Zealand Health Policy* investigates the relationships between health and lifestyle factors, age and private health insurance (PHI) in a large Australian population-based cohort study of people aged 45 years and over. The report of the study is at <http://www.anzhealthpolicy.com/content/6/1/16>

Health Ministers Agree to Regulate Human Cell and Tissue Therapies

On 15 July the Australian Health Ministers' Conference (AHMC) agreed to the regulatory framework for Human Cell and Tissue Therapies proposed to it in November 2006 by the Therapeutic Goods Administration. However, it recommended that organs and un-manipulated reproductive tissues (for Assisted Reproductive Technology) be subject to further detailed analysis and deliberations before making a decision regarding their inclusion in Class 1 of the framework. In July 2008 AHMC agreed that there was no requirement for further regulation of un-manipulated reproductive tissues and that possible regulatory arrangements for solid organs be referred to the new national organ donation and transplantation authority. Further information can be found at www.tga.gov.au

MIIAA – 3rd Medical Indemnity Forum

The Medical Indemnity Industry Association of Australia is holding their 3rd Medical Indemnity Forum on 28 August 2009 at the Sebel Pier One Hotel in Sydney. The forum will focus on the challenges posed by national registration, mandatory reporting and the changed global financial context. It will also consider issues surrounding risk management and its impact on performance. More information can be found at www.miaa.com.au.

October edition of *Private Hospital* magazine

Do you have a feature for *Private Hospital* magazine? Lisa Ramshaw, APHA Public Affairs Manager is looking for feature ideas for the October edition. Email her with ideas by 31 July at Lisa.Ramshaw@apha.org.au. The deadline for submissions will be 13 August. The October edition of PHM is handed out at the APHA Annual Congress and will feature articles on keynote speakers and activities at the Congress.