



APHA Vital Signs

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Clinical Practice Guidelines on Fresh Blood Components

The Review of *The NHMRC/ASBT Clinical Practice Guidelines on Fresh Blood Components (2001)* is currently being undertaken under the auspices of the Australian & New Zealand Society of Blood Transfusion (ANZSBT) and the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) with funding, project management, and secretariat services provided by the National Blood Authority (NBA) on behalf of all governments.

As part of a thorough stakeholder engagement strategy, the NBA aims to keep relevant organisations and their members up-to-date with the progress of the review via regular email updates and invite interested groups, organisations and individuals to make submissions on the draft recommendations as they are made available for public consultation on the NBA website.

The September update is available at <http://www.nba.gov.au/guidelines/updates.html>

\$500,000 awarded to evaluate the National Hand Hygiene Initiative

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is pleased to congratulate Associate Professor Nicholas Graves, Queensland University of Technology, who has been awarded a \$500,000 NHMRC *Partnerships for Better Health Grant* to evaluate the impact of the National Hand Hygiene Initiative on reducing healthcare-associated infections in public hospitals.

Reducing healthcare associated infection is a key program of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission).

The Grant awarded to Professor Graves will enable the evaluation of the hospital based intervention to improve hand hygiene compliance among Australian healthcare workers and reduce healthcare associated infection in hospitals.

Showcase your Hospital's Work in the Community in December's *Private Hospital* magazine

The December edition of *Private Hospital* magazine will be themed around Community Involvement by private hospitals. If you would like to showcase the work your hospital is doing in your community, please contact [Lisa Ramshaw](#). Article submissions along with high resolution photos are needed in the next week. Please submit an article and show off the great work you are doing in your community.

Public Consultation Paper Concerning End-of-Life

A paper titled *Ethical Issues Involved In The Transitions To Palliation And End Of Life Care For People With Chronic Conditions: A Discussion Paper For Patients, Carers And Health Professionals* has been released for a public consultation process. The closing date for submissions is COB Friday **8th January 2010**.

The Discussion Paper can be accessed at <http://acceptance.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines/consult/index.htm> where it will be available in pdf

format. The pdf contains further information and instructions as to how to make a submission.

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