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2009 APHA / BAXTER AWARDS FOR QUALITY & EXCELLENCE

Nominations are now open in 3
Categories:

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

Has your hospital demonstrated
excellence? Visit

www.apha.consec.com.au to

download Selection Criteria and
Application. Deadline for submissions
is 31 July 2009. WINNERS announced
at the 29th Annual National Congress
on the night of 12 October at the Gala
Awards Dinner. Contact Angela Hook
for more details:
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AIHW REPORT SHOWS THAT KIDNEY DISEASE IS ON THE RISE

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) was a
factor in nearly 10% of all deaths in
Australia in 2006, and more than a
million hospitalisations in 2006-07,
according to a report released this
week by the Australian Institute of
Health and Welfare (AIHW).

The last national survey in 1999-2000
that tested for CKD showed that 1 in 7
Australians over the age of 25 had
some form of chronic kidney disease.

The report, *An overview of chronic
kidney disease in Australia, 2009*,
shows that more and more Australians
are having dialysis or transplants for
the disease's most severe form, end
stage kidney disease, for which
diabetes is a leading cause. Between
2000 and 2007, the rate of people
receiving dialysis and kidney
transplants for the treatment of end-
stage kidney disease went up by 26%.

Over the same period, the number of
new cases of end-stage kidney disease
attributed to diabetes increased by
over 65% in people 55 years and older.

The Report can be downloaded at
[http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/
index.cfm/title/10681](http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10681)

LIFETIME HEALTH COVER DIRECT MAILOUT BEGINS ON 9 JUNE

On 9 June 2009, Medicare Australia
will commence mailing a letter and
brochure to around 50,000 new
migrants and 178,000 uninsured
people approaching 31 years of age,
notifying them about Lifetime Health
Cover (LHC).

The LHC brochure, including translated
versions into 19 community
languages, will be available on the
following three websites:

www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/translated
www.PrivateHealth.gov.au
[www.health.gov.au/internet/main/pu
blishing.nsf/Content/lhc-brochure](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/lhc-brochure)

6th INNOVATIVE PRACTICE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR CONFERENCE

The 6th annual Innovative Practice in
the Private Sector Conference seeks to
publicly reward innovative practice in
private hospitals and to provide a
platform for initiatives to be shared
amongst industry colleagues. Held on
26 June 2009 in Brisbane, this
conference is for CEOs, S&Q
managers, Risk managers, DONs/DCSs
and other senior executive staff to
learn from colleagues across Australia.
See www.phaq.org for more
information.

BUILDING/RENOVATION/MAJOR WORKS PROGRAMS AT PRIVATE HOSPITALS

The August edition of *Private Hospital*
magazine will showcase recent
building and major works programs at
private hospitals across the country.
Please contact Lisa Ramshaw to
discuss your recent project and
whether you would like it included in
the August edition. Please contact Lisa
Ramshaw at
lisa.ramshaw@apha.org.au. Deadline
for submissions will be Friday 19 June.

QUALITY & SAFETY IN ACTION CONFERENCE

The PHAQ Quality & Safety in Action
Conference will be held 25 June 2009
in Brisbane. The program incorporates
a mix of regulatory, legal, practical
management and feedback from the
field on current initiatives in safety
and quality. For more information or
to register see: www.phaq.org.

IMPLEMENTING QUALITY INDICATORS: MOVING FROM THEORY INTO PRACTICE

This seminar will focus on how to
implement quality indicators to
maximise their impact on improving
patient safety. Speakers from a range
of disciplines and specialities will share
lessons they have learned in
implementing indicators. This seminar
should be attended by
clinicians/quality managers
/administrators who have a role to
play in rolling out quality indicators
and assessing their impact on quality
of care.

Thursday 11th June, 0900-1640, Royal
Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney. Cost:
\$220. More details can be found at:
[http://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/s
eminars/](http://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/seminars/)