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## New Look for APHA Weekly News

Welcome to the first edition of the new look *Vital Signs* from APHA – a weekly round-up of the vital news you need to know in the private hospital industry.

## Welcome HESTA

APHA is delighted to announce HESTA Super Fund will be the Association's new Diamond Sponsor! HESTA Super Fund has demonstrated strong commitment to the healthcare sector and a long association with private hospitals and APHA. HESTA has been exceptionally engaged with APHA over the years, as an APHA Major Sponsor, as a sponsor of our Member Forums & Workshops, and as a sponsor of the pre-dinner cocktail party at our National Congress. This is in addition to their many other sponsorships throughout the health sector including the HESTA Nursing Awards. We warmly thank Lynn Hart and Anne-Marie Corboy for their work in further advancing HESTA's generous support of APHA to become the New Diamond Sponsor. Thank you!

## Earlybird Registration Open for 2009 APHA Congress

**REGISTER EARLY for DISCOUNTS** -- Register yourself and your colleagues before **21 July 2009** to take advantage of the **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT** on Congress delegate registration. Register online at [www.apha.consec.com.au](http://www.apha.consec.com.au)

## APHA to be represented on the National Maternity Services Advisory Group

Mr John Amery will be representing APHA on the National Maternity Services Advisory Group set up to provide input on the development of a Maternity Services Plan for Australia. John is the CEO of Mater Health Services North Queensland which a major provider of maternity services to Townsville and the North Queensland region. John is also a registered midwife.

The Advisory Group has been set up in response to the Maternity Services Review, completed in May 2009.

For more information about the Maternity Services Review go to <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/maternityservicesreview>

## Baxter Awards

Time is running out to nominate your hospital for the APHA / BAXTER AWARDS 2009. Visit [www.apha.org.au](http://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?

IDENTIFY your hospital as an industry leader

CREATE recognition for your hospital's community work

CELEBRATE your achievement via the APHA / Baxter awards

**Entries close on 30th July 2009**

## **APHA Member Survey**

There has been a tremendous and much welcomed response rate for our 2009 Member Survey. Best Practice Australia is working on our behalf to engage with you, our members, and facilitate your feedback coming back to us in a constructive and useful way. Please take the time to complete the online survey which was sent to your email account, if you haven't done so. You should expect the email with from "From: Best Practice Survey [<mailto:BestPracticeSurvey@bpanz.com>]" with the subject line "Subject: 2009 APHA Member Survey – Request from Michael Roff". Thank you for participating. Your feedback is important to us.

## **Implementation of the Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights**

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) has recently written to all private hospitals with a toolkit for implementing the Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights. Please see <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/PriorityProgram-01> for more information about the Charter. If you have any questions about the initiative, contact Dr Nicola Dunbar on [Nicola.Dunbar@safetyandquality.gov.au](mailto:Nicola.Dunbar@safetyandquality.gov.au)