



APHA Vital Signs

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August 2009 Prostheses List

The Private Health Insurance Branch of the Department of Health and Ageing has recently released the August 2009 Prostheses List. The updated list and associated reports can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/mcukoy>

Refining National Asthma Indicators

This report is the result of a systematic review undertaken by the Australian Centre for Asthma Monitoring (ACAM) to refine and simplify asthma monitoring in Australia. A Delphi survey and correlation analysis were used to review the currently recommended list of 24 national asthma indicators in order to identify a smaller set of core indicators, which provide the most important and relevant information and which are more effective at signalling change for future asthma monitoring activities. The report can be downloaded at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10769>

Private Hospital Magazine – October edition

The October edition of *Private Hospital* magazine will feature articles on Women's Health initiatives at private hospitals. Internationally, October is recognised as Breast Cancer Month and many hospitals may have awareness campaigns and/or research activities occurring at their facilities. Lisa Ramshaw, APHA Public Affairs Manager, would like to hear from hospitals with interesting women's health initiatives. Please contact her on 02 6273 9000 or lisa.ramshaw@apha.org.au with details of your hospital's activities. The deadline for magazine submissions is 18 August.

ACSQHC Medication Safety Update

The latest Medication Safety Update from the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is now available from the Commission's website at <http://tinyurl.com/djzu8>

Healthcare Failure Mode Effects Analysis Workshop

A workshop will be held on 4 September to help participants understand and carry out analysis using Healthcare Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (HFMEA) techniques and to learn through instruction and practice the steps involved in carrying out a successful proactive risk assessment using HFMEA. The workshop will be facilitated by Dr James Bagian, veteran NASA Astronaut and director of the National Centre for Patient Safety of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) USA. The workshop will be held in Camperdown, NSW from 9.30-4.30. Cost is \$300+GST. For enquiries and/or registration telephone 02 9922 4666 or email sarah.michael@communio.com.au

National Hand Hygiene Newsletter

The latest National Hand Hygiene Newsletter is available on the Hand Hygiene Australia website: <http://www.hha.org.au/UserFiles/file/HAIHNewsLetterJuly2009.pdf>

APHA National Congress – 11-13 October 2009

Visit www.apha.consec.com.au and read about the world-class Australian and International speakers coming to the APHA National Congress in October! Places are limited, so register yourself and your colleagues early to ensure you get a spot! The APHA National Congress has grown over the years to become the premier event for the private hospital sector in Australia and is a must-attend event for everyone associated with the country's private hospitals.

The Congress Trade Exhibition is filling up quickly, likewise sponsorship and branding opportunities are going fast. **To book an Expo Booth or to brand a Congress Session, act now!** For further details contact: Michaela Andelova, Conference Coordinator, 02 6251 0675 or michaela@consec.com.au.

APHA/Baxter Awards 2009

The APHA Secretariat was thrilled to receive such a high number of submissions to the 2009 APHA / Baxter Awards for Quality and Excellence. Each entry demonstrates the real impact of nurses, doctors, administrators, and staff on patient outcomes and are each worthy of congratulations and praise. Your hard work and commitment is truly inspirational. Thank you to all those who submitted their entry; the judging panel will have a difficult time. Finalists will be notified after 14 August.

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