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CANBERRA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY: APHA OFFICE CLOSURE

Members and Sponsors are advised that the APHA National Office will be closed on Monday, 9 March as it is a public holiday in the ACT. The office will reopen on Tuesday 10 March at 8.30am.

APHA NEW DIRECTOR, POLICY & RESEARCH

APHA is pleased to announce that Dr Barbara Carney will join the staff in the APHA Secretariat as the new Director, Policy & Research on Wednesday 11 March. Barbara can be contacted on 02 6273 9000 or barbara.carney@apha.org.au

USING TOOLS TO MAKE CLINICAL HANDOVER SAFE: WORKSHOP

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is hosting its second one day workshop on clinical handover. The workshop will provide an opportunity to learn and share information about some of the tools being developed as part of the National Clinical Handover Initiative.

The workshop will be held on Monday, 30 March 2009 at the Royal on the Park Hotel, Brisbane. Details can be found at: [http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/E0B59E130FA90A50CA2573AF007BC3C8/\\$File/BrisWorkshop-30Mar2009.pdf](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/E0B59E130FA90A50CA2573AF007BC3C8/$File/BrisWorkshop-30Mar2009.pdf)

NHHRC

Following the release of the National Health & Hospitals Reform Commission on 16 February, APHA was this week invited to participate in an industry consultation with the Commission. Other participants in this session included Catholic Health Australia, Australian Hospitals and Healthcare Association and Australian Health Insurance Association.

Major issues discussed included the Commission's Governance options, education and training, quality and safety, workforce and sub-acute care.

APHA explained we are broadly comfortable with the major thrust of the interim report and supportive of many of the reform directions but would be expanding on a few key issues when we lodge our further submission.

The APHA Council will also be providing feedback to Commission representatives who will attend the Council meeting on 16 March.

USE OF MORTALITY MEASURES WORKSHOP

The **Use of Mortality Measures to Monitor and Improve Healthcare** national forum, being held by the Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care in Sydney will be held on the 19th of March from 9.30am-4pm. Registration places are limited. If you are interested in attending please contact Michael Roff by Tuesday 10 March, at Michael.roff@apha.org.au.

MEDICAL DEVICES INCIDENT WORKSHOP

APHA has also received an invitation to the ACSQHC workshop on **Medical Device Incidents** on Thursday, 26 March in Sydney.

Please notify Lisa Ramshaw on Lisa.Ramshaw@apha.org.au by **Thursday, 12 March** if you would like to attend.

The workshop is intended to share learnings and look for opportunities to better understand medical device safety, particularly in the areas of human factors and training. The Commission intends to promote a collaborative environment to better leverage incident and Incident Management System (IMS) information. Dr Rohan Hammett, CEO of the TGA (Therapeutic Goods Association) will present, and case studies will include sessions on infusion pumps and PICC lines.

PRIVATE HOSPITAL MAGAZINE

APHA's Public Affairs Manager, Lisa Ramshaw is looking for contributions for the next issue of Private Hospital magazine, which will have a focus on **Mental Health**. If you have a story you would like to share with a wider audience, please contact Lisa at lisa.ramshaw@apha.org.au by **13 March 2009**.