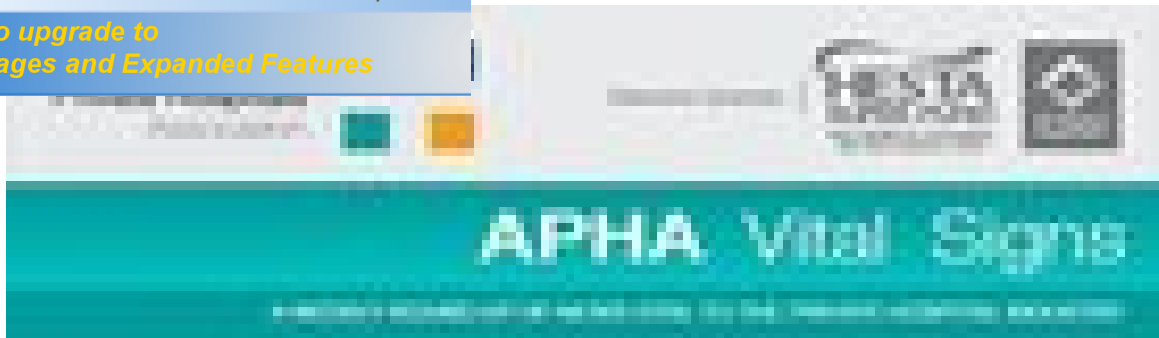




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National Procedure Banding Schedule – 1 November 2010 version available

The latest version of the National Procedure Banding Schedule and the APHA Summary of Changes to the Schedule are now available for APHA members on the APHA website at <http://www.apha.org.au/members/procedure-banding-schedule/>. The hard copy and disk with the NPBS will be sent to those who have requested one.

Private Hospitals Week 2011 – Date Claimer

Mark your calendars now for Private Hospitals Week . 4-8 April 2011. APHA will send out more details soon about activities that will take place nationally but start thinking now about how your facility would like to celebrate Private Hospitals Week. For more information or to share ideas, please contact Lisa Ramshaw at lisa.ramshaw@apha.org.au.

Why I value private hospitals – Patients tell their stories

The services we provide to our patients when they need it and the passion, commitment and care provided by our staff to put Australians back on their feet were the key themes espoused by patients in an inaugural competition on the Valuing Private Hospitals Campaign Facebook page.

The competition received 176 entries from Australians across the country who explained a time when private hospitals made a difference to their lives. Sherri-Lee Bexley, Natasha Hanckel-Spice, Ebony Jackson, Anna Perejma and Kate Jesaulenko all won a Flip Mino HD Pocket Video Camera for their entries. One of the winning entries was, *After being told I would not fall pregnant without assistance I had an elective op to remove endometriosis at Epworth Melbourne and I was pregnant within 1 month! My dreams have come true!+Kate.*

All the entries can be viewed on the [Valuing Private Hospitals Campaign Facebook site](#) and we would encourage you to head online and read about the great work we are doing . perhaps your hospital received a mention! While you are there, join our growing community by becoming a friend of the page.

ACHSM Networking Forum Delivering Quality and Value - There is no need for trade off!

The Australian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM) is running a learning and networking session *Delivering Quality and Value* . There is no need for Trade Off!qthis Wednesday, 17 November 2010 at Tenison Woods Memorial Centre, Mary MacKillop Place, 7-11 Mount Street, North Sydney, NSW. The session will run from 3.45pm to 6.45 pm. The session costs \$245.00 and you can register online at:

<https://www.cvent.com/EVENTS/Register/IdentityConfirmation.aspx?i=4f46e4c8-5fac-43ff-81c5-d74e9623f01c>



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Dr Helen Bevan, Chief of Service Transformation at the [redacted] improvement. Dr Bevan will demonstrate that there does not need to be a trade off between quality and cost. Strategies to contain cost do not have to lead to reductions in patient care. A small number of proven interventions, implemented on wide enough scale across a healthcare organisation, can make a significant contribution to financial balance and lead to tangible improvements in the delivery and experience of care for patients.

Dr Bevan will not only show you what changes you can make but how to make them; how to frame efficiency and productivity issues in ways that connect with the values and priorities of clinical teams. Illustrated by real life examples and experiences from the National Health Service in England.

HESTA Australian Nursing Awards

Do you have a remarkable nurse at your hospital? If you know an exceptional nurse, midwife, personal care attendant or assistant in nursing then recognise their efforts by nominating them for one of three awards: Nurse of the Year, Innovation in Nursing or Graduate Nurse of the Year.

Last year, the Innovation in Nursing award was won by Jacinta Vanderpuije, a Clinical Nurse Educator at St Vincent's Private Hospital in Sydney. It would be fantastic to have private hospital nurses win all three categories so nominate the great nurses who work at your hospital today! See www.hestanursingawards.com for nomination forms.



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