



17th December 2010

APHA Office Closure

APHA office will be closed from 5:00pm Thursday 23rd December 2010 and will be re-opening at 8:30am Tuesday 4th January 2011. All the staff at APHA wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

APHA Valuing Private Hospital Staff Awards – Get your nominations in!

The APHA Valuing Private Hospital Staff Award program was announced during Private Hospital Week last April. The nomination period for these awards is now open and will close 31 January 2011. Awards will be given in three categories:

- ~ Excellence and Innovation in a Clinical Role . individual
- ~ Excellence and Innovation in a Non-Clinical Role . individual
- ~ Excellence and Innovation in a Clinical or Non-Clinical Role . team

Each individual winner will receive \$10,000 and the winning team will also receive \$10,000. The CEO of the hospital that wins the team award will be responsible for determining how to allocate the \$10,000 across the team.

There are specific requirements for each award application. To download an application prospectus see: <http://www.apha.org.au/events/staff-awards/>.

Nominations close on 31 January 2011. The winners will be announced during Private Hospitals Week 2011, 4-8 April. The Valuing Private Hospital Staff Awards are sponsored by HESTA Super Fund.

APHA invited to join the Medical Training Review Panel

APHA has been invited to provide a representative to the Medical Training Review Panel (MTRP). The MTRP is the Federal body which looks at the demand for and supply of medical training opportunities in Australia. The Panel prepares an annual report to the Federal Health Minister, which is tabled in Parliament.

This is the first time that private hospitals have been represented on the MTRP, which includes representatives from all state and territory health administrations, specialist medical colleges, medical schools, the Australian Medical Council, and a range of other professional, industrial and stakeholder bodies.

The letter of invitation states: Minister Roxon and the MTRP have identified the need to include representation from the private hospital sector, recognising both the substantial medical services



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Health spending \$5,190 per person in 2008–09

Expenditure on health in Australia reached \$112.8 billion, or \$5,190 per person, in 2008. 09, according to a report released by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

The report, *Health Expenditure Australia 2008–09*, shows that after taking inflation into account, the \$112.8 billion total was 5.8% or \$6.2 billion more than for the previous year. Growth in total health expenditure has averaged 5.4% per year over the past 10 years.

The largest component of the increase was a \$1.6 billion rise in spending on public hospital services, followed by spending on medications, which grew by \$1.3 billion.

virtually all areas of health expenditure experienced real growth, that is, growth above general inflation, between 2007. 08 and 2008. 09q AIHW Director Dr Penny Allbon said.

These included medical services, health research, dental services, and other health services such as ambulance services, aids and appliances, and community health services.q

Infection control modules are now 'live'

Education modules for novice, rural infection control staff and link nurses are now [available at the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care's website](#). You can access them through the Commission's home page www.safetyandquality.gov.au go to *Infection control modules* in the *quick links* box.

Cancer in Australia 2010: an overview

Cancer in Australia: an overview, 2010 provides a comprehensive overview of national statistics on cancer in Australia. The report presents the latest available statistics on cancer overall, as well as on many individual types of cancers, and it includes information on incidence, mortality, survival, prevalence, burden of cancer, hospitalisations, and national cancer screening programs. To view the report: <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/12285>.