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Valuing Private Hospitals campaign: Private Hospital Week – 26-30 April

APHA's exciting new campaign **Valuing Private Hospitals** will be launched during the week of 26-30 April.

The inaugural Private Hospitals Week will feature a suite of activities including a National Press Club Address from the APHA President, Mr Chris Rex, on why private hospitals 'do so much more' than most people realise.

Over the last week, the Secretariat held a series of teleconferences for campaign champions to take them through the toolkit and answer any questions about the campaign. The feedback we've had so far has been very positive and plans are developing nicely to celebrate Private Hospitals Week across the country. If you are a champion and yet to receive your kit, contact Lisa Ramshaw at the Secretariat at lisa.ramshaw@apha.org.au.

If your hospital is interested in participating in this national campaign but has not nominated a champion yet, you should also get in touch with Lisa.

At the core of the campaign is the Valuing Private Hospitals campaign website. The website is now live (www.privatehospitals.org.au) so take a look and share the reasons why you value private hospitals on the blog, and encourage your colleagues, friends and family to do the same. We are also on Twitter (@priv8hospitals) and on facebook (Australia's Private Hospitals).

Campaign materials (e.g. posters, bookmarks, leaflets etc) have been sent to champions for distribution around their hospitals. **Catering tray liners have been designed for print and the artwork is available for download on the APHA website www.apha.org.au under the 'Valuing Private Hospitals Campaign' in the members area.**

If you have any good ideas about how we can share the great things we do in private hospitals with the wider community then let us know. We look forward to hearing from you.

Government announces Clinical Training Capacity Grants recipients – Success for APHA members

The government has announced the recipients of the Clinical Training Capacity Grants for Western Australia and New South Wales.

In Western Australia Ramsey Health Care, in conjunction with Edith Cowan University, has been awarded a grant of \$824,000 to establish clinical placements during alternative shifts in private hospitals in Western Australia. The additional placements amount to 254 nursing students. Also in Western Australia, The Marian Centre, in conjunction with the University of Notre Dame and Curtin University of Technology, has been awarded a grant of \$390,000 to establish multidisciplinary mental health training placements. The additional placements amount to 140 nursing and 120

medical students.

In New South Wales, The Sydney Adventists Hospital has been awarded \$1.75 million to establish capacity for increased clinical teaching. This will create an additional 96 placements. Also in New South Wales, Ramsay Health Care have been awarded \$656,340 to establish clinical training placements in a number of hospital facilities. This will create an addition 36 placements.

Standards Australia IT-014 Health Informatics Committee

Standards Australia's IT-014 Health Informatics Committee publishes national standards in health informatics that will support the sharing of information across the health care sector and align with international e-health developments. Standards Australia is very keen to engage more interested participants in Health Informatics or Health Information Management to be part of the standard development process, sub-committees of IT-14 Health Informatics and the 2010/2011 Work Plan.. If you are interested in this process please contact Kay Bonello, APHA representative on IT-014, on 03 4973 8704 or Kay.Bonello@healthcare.com.au.

Withdrawal of the electronic Private Patient Hospital Claim Form (ePPHC)

This is a reminder the Department of Health and Ageing will no longer be supporting the electronic Private Patient Hospital Claim Form (ePPHC) application from 1 July 2010. Future changes to the file structure of the HCP and PHDB data collections will not be supported by the ePPHC, therefore when the file structure changes any submission created using the ePPHC will be invalid. Private hospitals still using this software should contact their software vendors for advice regarding other software applications that provide the same or similar functionality.

New arrangements for the refinement of AR-DRG classification system

The Department of Health and Ageing has moved to implement the recommendation of *The Review of the AR-DRG Classification System Development Process* for one organisation to assume responsibility for both the ICD-10AM and the AR-DRG refinement. The Department has contracted the University of Wollongong for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2013 to refine, sell and distribute ICD-10-AM and AR-DRG. This change means that The National Centre for Classification in Health (NCCH) will cease to be responsible for the refinement of ICD-10AM after 30 June 2010.

Public Consultation Open on Critical Bleeding/Massive Transfusion module

Public consultation on the **Critical Bleeding/Massive Transfusion** module of the Patient Blood Management Guidelines, the first of six modules to replace *The NHMRC/ASBT Clinical Practice Guidelines on Fresh Blood Components (2001)* commenced last week.

Not only are they using this opportunity to seek feedback on this first module, they are also very keen to hear your views and preferences about strategies to encourage uptake and use of the guidance provided within this module.

The draft module and technical report (two volumes) are available on the National Blood Authority's website at: <http://www.nba.gov.au/guidelines/consultation.html> along with instructions on how to make a submission. The closing date for submissions is Friday 14th May, 2010.