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APHA's 30th Annual National Congress

Make sure you and your colleagues are a part of celebrating the 30th Annual APHA Congress and take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to network with colleagues from around the country.

The first class speakers to present at the Congress, include: ACTU President Ged Kearney, Professor Chris Baggoley of the Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Healthcare, hospital safety and quality leader Ann Fallon of St Vincent's Sydney, Chief Commonwealth Nursing Officer Rosemary Bryant, Private Health Insurance Ombudsman Samantha Gavel, Fred Bently of The Advisory Board International, and CEO of Health Workforce Australia Mark Cormack.

Visit the dedicated APHA Congress website <http://apha2010congress.squarespace.com> and register your hospital's delegates for the APHA 30th National Congress. Register now and take advantage of significant savings with the Early Bird Discount.

The Congress will be held from Sunday 17 – Tuesday 19 October 2010 at the Hilton Hotel, Sydney.

Register your delegates today!

Bowel Cancer Screening – MJA article comments on current policy

The latest edition of the *Medical Journal of Australia* carries an article that is critical of the current approach to publicly-funded bowel cancer screening. The authors argue for a return to what they describe as the evidence based approach to bowel cancer screening that pertained in Australia from 1995 to 2005. The article points out that bowel cancer is the second biggest cause of cancer death in Australian men and women, and that screening programs should be carried out on a population basis, rather than according to what the government can afford. The full article is at pages 37 to 42 of the 5 July edition of the MJA, and is available for download for eMJA subscribers at <http://www.mja.com.au>

For Information – ACCC issues Guide to the new Unfair Consumer Contracts Law

In March of this year, the Federal Parliament passed legislation to create the Australian

Consumer Law (ACL). This legislation is concerned with removing unfair clauses in “standard form contracts” – which the ACCC defines as “contracts prepared by one party, without further negotiation, for the supply of goods and services which are wholly or predominantly acquired by consumers for personal, domestic or household use”.

The guide to the new consumer contracts legislation may be found at <http://www.accc.gov.au/content/item.phtml?itemId=930750&nodeId=a5ccb55f876a66921e1e28ae3c855615&fn=A%20guide%20to%20the%20unfair%20contract%20terms%20law.pdf>

Second Tier Advisory Committee Meeting

The next Second Tier Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Friday 27 August 2010. The closing date for applications is Friday 6 August 2010.

Please note that applicants are required to submit 9 stapled copies of their application to:

Second Tier Advisory Committee Secretariat

c/o Department of Health and Ageing
MDP 401
GPO Box 9848
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Information which must be included in applications is outlined in the *Second Tier Default Benefit – Sample Application Guide 2010* located on APHA website at:

www.apha.org.au . Select *Advocacy; Resources; Second Tier Default Benefits – Sample Application Guide 2010*.