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Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09

AIHW has released the latest *Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09* which provides a detailed overview of Australia's public and private hospitals. The report can be downloaded at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/11173>

APHA has provided an overview of the report for members which is available on our members only area of the website. This overview can be found at <http://www.apha.org.au/members/information-paper-series/>

Recognising and Responding to Clinical Deterioration

As part of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care's Recognising and Responding to Clinical Deterioration program, they are holding a second national conference on this topic in Adelaide on 8-9 November. This follows on from the first national workshop that the Commission hosted with the NSW Clinical Excellence Commission in November 2009.

With a continuing focus on issues concerning recognising and responding to deterioration at national, jurisdictional and local levels, they consider that it is important to provide opportunities for sharing experiences and learning from the successes of current programs.

The Commission is now starting to advertise the conference, and is calling for abstracts for workshops and oral and poster presentations. Details about the conference and guidelines for abstracts can be found at http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/content/RaRtCD_PE-SafeCareSolutions_8_9-Nov-2010

Families Encouraged to Discuss Organ and Tissue Donation Wishes

A national awareness campaign is encouraging Australian families to discuss the topic of organ and tissue donation this month. The message is clear: 'To donate life, discuss it today. OK'. Research shows that most Australians are not discussing their donation wishes with the people close to them, with less than 1 in 5 Australians surveyed having discussed their donation wishes in detail with family members. For more information visit www.donatelife.gov.au.

Prepare Your Entry to the 2010 Baxter Awards!

APHA would like to encourage all current members to submit an entry in the following awards categories:

Clinical Excellence
Ambulatory Care

Community Involvement

Entry is free and the submission criterion is short and simple to complete. Winners will be announced at the APHA 30th Annual National Congress Gala Dinner Awards Night – a night not to be missed.

Entries close on 30th July 2010. Download the Application Prospectus at www.apha.org.au

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