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Means testing of the private health cover rebate would be a disaster

Last Friday, The Australian ran an opinion piece by Michael Roff, CEO of APHA which focused on why means testing of the private health cover rebate would be a disaster for regional hospitals.

The piece can be read at: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/opinion/no-way-to-treat-regional-hospitals/story-e6frg6zo-1225925023711>

APHA's 30th Annual National Congress

There is now less than a month until the 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: Ged Kearney, Ann Fallon, Rosemary Bryant, Samantha Gavel, Fred Bentley, Mark Cormack, and Professor Chris Baggoley.

Visit the dedicated APHA Congress website <http://apha2010congress.squarespace.com> and register your hospital's delegates for the APHA 30th National Congress.

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

Recognising and Responding to Clinical Deterioration: solutions for safe care 2010 conference

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is holding its second national conference on the deteriorating patient. This year's conference will feature both Australian and international experts who will showcase current approaches and practical solutions to the challenge of properly recognising and responding to patients who deteriorate in hospital.

Further information, including the draft program and an overview of the conference workshops, is available on the Commission's website at:

http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/RaRtCD_PE-SafeCareSolutions_8_9-Nov-2010

Conference details are as follows:

Date: 8-9 November, 2010

Venue: Stamford Grand Adelaide Hotel
Moseley Square, Glenelg

Cost: **Early Bird Registration \$550.00 (GST incl) closes 30 September, 2010**
Registrations received from **1 October, 2010 \$600.00 (GST incl)**

Places are limited. To secure your place at this conference register on line at:

<https://www.catalystevents.com.au/deterioration.asp> For registration enquiries please contact Sarah Dixon on (02) 9419 4889 or 0401 716 657 or email sdixon@catalystevents.com.au

Consultation process on the five additional draft National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (the Standards)

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) is pleased to invite you to make a submission as part of the consultation process on the five additional draft National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (the Standards).

The Commission consulted on the five initial standards in late 2009 and piloted in 2010. While they are seeking specific comment on the five additional draft Standards, comments on the initial five Standards may also be considered.

The results of this consultation process will be used to refine the five additional draft Standards and ensure they are meaningful for health services and practitioners implementing safety and quality systems, and accreditation agencies using the standards. These Standards will also be sent to Australian Health Ministers in 2011 for their endorsement.

Making a submission

A copy of the consultation paper that includes the five additional draft Standards will shortly be available to download from the Commission's web site at <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/PriorityProgram-07>.

All written submissions should be received by close of business on **Friday 8 October 2010** to be considered in the consultation process. Submissions can be sent by post, fax or email and should include:

- Name, organisation if relevant and contact details
- Responses to questions posed
- General comments
- Additional information, for example, any technical, economic or business information, or research-based evidence the Commission should be made aware of to support the views or comments.

Written submissions marked "Consultation Paper on Standards" can be sent by:

Mail:

Consultation on National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care
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SYDNEY NSW 2001

Email: mail@safetyandquality.gov.au

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