



24 January 2010

Second Tier Application Date

APHA Member hospitals are reminded that the closing date for applications for Second Tier Default Benefit is **Friday 5 February 2010**. Please note that applicants are required to submit nine stapled copies of their application to:

Second Tier Advisory Committee Secretariat
C/- Department of Health and Ageing
MDP 86
GPO Box 9848
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Information which must be included in applications for Second Tier eligibility is outlined in the Second Tier Default Benefit – Sample Application Guide on the APHA website at www.apha.org.au/advocacy/resources

NSW Health Department Asks APHA for Comment on ECT Standards

The NSW Health Department has asked APHA for input to the draft Standards it has developed for ECT therapy. Although these standards will be applied to public psychiatric services, NSW Health has said that it is seeking expert input from private psychiatric hospitals to ensure that a range of expert advice is obtained. If you are a NSW hospital providing ECT therapy and you would like to comment, please contact Barbara Carney at Barbara.carney@apha.org.au for a copy of the draft Standards.

Palliative Care Australia and AHHA Think Tank on End of Life Issues

Let's talk about dying: what is appropriate care?

Friday 19 February 2010, 11am – 3pm
TressCox Lawyers, 135 King Street, Sydney

Guest presenters are:

Professor Jane Ingham is Director of the Cunningham Centre for Palliative Care, St Vincent's and Mater Health Sydney, and Professor of Palliative Medicine at the University of NSW. Her presentation will be about the epidemiology of the end of life experience.

Professor Ken Hillman is the Clinical Director, Area Critical Care Services, Sydney South West Area Health Service, Liverpool Hospital. Ken is also Professor of Intensive Care, and Director of The Simpson Centre for Health Services Research, affiliated with the Australian Institute of Health Innovation, at the University of New South Wales.

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