



APHA Vital Signs

A WEEKLY ROUND-UP OF NEWS VITAL TO THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL INDUSTRY

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APHA Office Closure

The APHA Secretariat Office will be closed on Monday, 27 October 2010 for the Australian Capital Territory's Family and Community Day. The office will re-open for business as usual on Tuesday, 28 October at 8.30am.

APHA's Discussion with Federal Health Minister

This week APHA has held discussions with the Federal Health Minister The Hon. Nicola Roxon MP. Issues discussed were:

- The implications of Government Health Reform
- Section 94 Pharmacy changes
- A range of issues in relation to health insurance
- The Government's legislative agenda in context of the new Parliament.

APHA is also seeking meetings with all of the Independent MPs as soon as possible.

APHA National Council Election Results

Following the recent elections, membership of the APHA Council for 2010-2012 is:

For Profit Large Group

Craig McNally (Ramsay Health Care Australia)
Chris Rex (Ramsay Health Care Australia)
Geoffrey Sam (Health Care Australia)
Ben Thynne (Health Care Australia)

For Profit Small Group Large Independent

Henry Barclay (Cura Day Hospitals Group)

For Profit Small Independent

Leanne Kemp (Manningham Day Procedure Centre)

Not for Profit Large Group

Philip Currie (Sydney Adventist Hospital)
Alan Kinkade (Epworth Healthcare)
Richard Royle (UnitingCare Health Group)

Not for Profit Small Group Large Independent

Robert Cusack (St Vincent's Private Hospital)
Alan Cooper (Friendly Society Private Hospital)

Not for Profit Small Independent

Lisa O'Brien (Skin & Cancer Foundation Australia)

Day Hospitals

Anne Crouch (Eye-Tech Day Surgeries)

Psychiatry

Christine Gee (Toowong Private Hospital)

Rehabilitation

Danny Sims (Ramsay Health Care)

Regional Representatives

NSW George Toemoe (PHA - NSW)

Queensland John Amery (Mater Health Services North Qld)

SA Stephen Walker (St Andrews Hospital)

Tasmania Amanda Quealy (The Hobart Clinic)

Victoria Mark Stephens (Chesterville Day Hospital)

WA Moira Munro (Perth Clinic)

APHA Office Bearers (President, Vice-President, Chairman of Council and Treasurer) and additional Directors of the APHA Board will be elected at the first meeting of the APHA Council on 17 October 2010, immediately prior to the APHA Congress in Sydney.

National Framework for Advance Care Directives

In 2009 Australia's Health Ministers endorsed the development of nationally consistent best practice guidelines for the use and application of advance care directives within the broader context of advance care planning.

A draft *National Framework for Advance Care Directives* has now been produced by a Working Group of the Clinical, Technical and Ethical Principal Committee of the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council, and the Working Group is now seeking comments from stakeholders.

A copy of the *Companion Consultation Guide* and the draft *Framework* can be downloaded from the consultation website at www.hwlebsworth.com.au/acdframework.

If you would like to make a submission the closing date 11 October 2010

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 Bently, 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.

Exceptional Drug List

The latest version of the Exceptional Drug List has been released by the NSW/QLD Exceptional Drugs List Committee. If you would like a copy of the list or the associated circular please contact peter.thomas@apha.org.au