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ACSQHC – Recognising and Responding to Clinical Deterioration

Developing an evidence base for observation charts is one of the major projects for the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care's Recognising and Responding to Clinical Deterioration program. This project aimed to:

- compare a range of existing observation charts to identify which charts are the best for ease and accuracy of recording vital signs and likelihood of detecting deterioration in those vital signs
- examine performance using the different charts under different conditions
- create and evaluate a new chart that takes into account the best features of existing charts
- provide recommendations about the best observation chart for identifying deterioration based on human factors evidence.

This project is now complete and the results are available on the Commission's website. Also on the website is some general guidance about improving the design of observation charts, and details about the Commission's next steps in this work. The web address is:

http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/RaRtCD_EBA-GOC

ACSQHC – Invitation to Participate in Pilot of NIMC with VTE Prophylaxis section

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is inviting eligible Australian hospitals to participate in a pilot of the NIMC with a pre-printed VTE prophylaxis risk assessment and prescribing section.

Details are available on their web site at:

http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/NIMC_006_NationalAudit

Healthcare Identifiers Passed by Federal Parliament

Legislation has been passed by Federal Parliament to set up the Healthcare Identifiers Service. All patients will get individual healthcare identifiers (IHIs) under the Healthcare Identifiers Act. The unique healthcare identifiers will be allocated by the Healthcare Identifiers Service, operated by Medicare Australia.

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

Book Now: Early Bird Registration Discount - APHA's 30th Annual National Congress

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.

A fantastic array of speakers will inform, explain, and present their views on the most important issues affecting Australia's Private Hospitals today, including Ged Kearney, Ann Fallon, Rosemary Bryant, Samantha Gavel, Fred Bently, Mark Cormack, Professor Chris Baggoley and more.

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.

Register your delegates today!

Suspected adverse reactions to Panvax® reported to the TGA 30 September 2009 - 30 April 2010

The national immunisation program with Panvax® began on 30 September 2009. The TGA has been closely monitoring any side effects from the use of the vaccine. As at 30 April 2010 a total of 1773 suspected side effects have been reported to the TGA following vaccination with Panvax® in Australia. To that date approximately 8.7 million doses of Panvax® had been distributed in Australia and over 370,000 doses of Panvax Junior®. The great majority of reported side effects have been mild and common problems such as headache, gastrointestinal upset, soreness, swelling, or redness at the injection site. Most of the side effects that have been reported are well recognised and listed in the Panvax® Product Information. Of the suspected side effects reported, only 156 related to Panvax Junior®, and the majority of these reports were of fever (129) and/or vomiting (75).

Valuing Private Hospitals campaign

More than 100 APHA member hospitals are part of this exciting campaign. If your hospital has not signed up to be a part, please contact Lisa Ramshaw at lisa.ramshaw@apha.org.au for more information.