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Workforce Survey

THANK YOU to all member hospitals who responded to the APHA Workforce Survey. The results are currently being analysed and will be presented to the Workforce Taskforce at their first meeting for the year, to be held on 2 February. Findings from the Survey will be made available on our website – keep an eye out for this in Vital Signs. We appreciate the time taken by respondents to answer questions and provide information on their training and education activities.

Upcoming Conferences

Quality in Practice (QIP) and Australian General Practice Accreditation Ltd (AGPAL) are jointly presenting the **Quality Around the World Conference** in Melbourne from 20 -22 May. The program is described as focusing on “the key issues that are changing the face of health care” in Australia, our region and the world. Further information and registration details are available from the conference website: www.qip.com.au/conference

The National Prescribing Service is holding its **National Medicines Symposium for 2010**, also in Melbourne, from 26 to 28 May. The NPS is seeking conference papers related to the theme of *Medicines in people's lives*. Download a preliminary program and more details from <http://www.nms2010.org.au/>

Rehabilitation Guidelines finalised

After a year of hard work and consultation by APHA rehabilitation hospitals and their representatives on the National Private Rehabilitation Group, a new version of the Guidelines for Recognition of Private Hospital Rehabilitation Services was agreed just before Christmas by APHA, health insurer representatives, the Commonwealth Departments of Health and Ageing and Veterans' Affairs, and the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman. The Guidelines have been issued as a DOHA Circular.

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