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2010 APHA / Baxter Awards

APHA would like to encourage all current members to submit an entry to the 2010 APHA / Baxter Awards for Quality & Excellence! Prepare your winning entry and imagine taking the stage to receive an award in one of the following categories at the Gala Dinner & Awards Night:

1. Clinical Excellence
2. Ambulatory Care
3. 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

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 Christopher Baggoley.

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.

Register your delegates today!

The 2010 State of Our Public Hospitals Report Released

The Federal Department of Health and Ageing has released the 2010 edition of this report. Admissions to public hospitals have grown by 17 per cent, from just over four million to almost five million a year since 2004. Public emergency department presentations grew by 22 per cent, from almost six million to more than seven million a year over the same period.

The cost of an average public hospital admission has increased by 14 per cent over and above inflation from \$3,930 to \$4,471 in 2008-09 prices.
APHA will analyse the report and provide further relevant information to members.

APHA Coding Directive - Obstetrics

APHA has issued a Coding Directive for hospitals that provide obstetric services. A Bulletin has been sent to hospitals, but if you have not yet seen this, the Directive is on the Members' website at <http://www.apha.org.au/members/members-bulletins/>

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