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Consultation process on the five additional draft National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (the Standards)

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) is pleased to invite you to make a submission as part of the consultation process on the five additional draft National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (the Standards).

The Commission consulted on the five initial standards in late 2009 and piloted in 2010. While they are seeking specific comment on the five additional draft Standards, comments on the initial five Standards may also be considered.

The results of this consultation process will be used to refine the five additional draft Standards and ensure they are meaningful for health services and practitioners implementing safety and quality systems, and accreditation agencies using the standards. These Standards will also be sent to Australian Health Ministers in 2011 for their endorsement.

Making a submission

A copy of the consultation paper that includes the five additional draft Standards will shortly be available to download from the Commission's web site at <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/PriorityProgram-07>.

All written submissions should be received by close of business on **Friday 8 October 2010** to be considered in the consultation process. Submissions can be sent by post, fax or email and should include:

- Name, organisation if relevant and contact details
- Responses to questions posed
- General comments
- Additional information, for example, any technical, economic or business information, or research-based evidence the Commission should be made aware of to support the views or comments.

Written submissions marked "Consultation Paper on Standards" can be sent by:

Mail:

Consultation on National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care
GPO Box 5480
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Email: mail@safetyandquality.gov.au

Fax: (02) 9263 3613

Any questions relating to submissions should be directed to mail@safetyandquality.gov.au or by calling the Commission on (02) 9263 3633.

National Recommendations for User-Applied Labelling of Injectable Medicines, Fluids and Lines

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care considered the *National Recommendations for User-applied Labelling of Injectable Medicines, Fluids and Lines* at its meeting of 26 August 2010 and has made them available on their web site.

The *Labelling Recommendations* and support materials are available at:

http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/PriorityProgram-06_UaLIMFL

Support materials available include:

1. Explanatory notes
2. Implementation Guide
3. A3 poster to assist selection of labels for specific clinical areas
4. Range of A4 posters available in Word format for customising
5. PowerPoint education presentation.

Specifications for printing the labels are available in the *Labelling Recommendations* on page 20.

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.

ACSQHC Medication Safety Update

The latest Medication Safety Update from the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care can be accessed at: <http://tinyurl.com/34t8som>

NBOCC News

The National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre has released their latest bi-monthly newsletter. This edition has articles on new chemotherapy guidelines for health professionals in the treatment of women with advanced breast cancer, promoting clinical best practice in treatment of ovarian cancer and others. The newsletter can be viewed at: <http://www.nbocc.org.au/our-organisation/nbocc-news/>

Critical Bleeding and Massive Transfusion Seminar

When: Friday, 5th November, 2010 - Registration 9am for 9.30am - 5pm

Who should attend: clinicians, members of hospital transfusion committees, transfusion nurses

Venue details: Charles Latrobe Lecture Theatre, The Royal Melbourne Hospital Function & Convention Centre

Registration fee: \$165.00 - including lunch

The Transfusion Outcomes Research Collaborative (TORC) is a partnership between the Australian Red Cross Blood Service and Monash University's Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine. The primary aim of the collaborative is to explore blood component usage and patient outcomes following transfusion; ultimately to enhance the quality of transfusion practice and improve patient care in Australia. The partnership also aims to encourage and facilitate communication between those with interest in transfusion medicine and research by hosting an annual seminar.

This year's seminar will explore "Critical Bleeding and Massive Transfusion" and includes presentations from a range of perspectives including trauma, other clinical contexts, blood banking and current and future research. The seminar also includes an expert panel discussion with international guest *Professor Karim Brohi* - Professor of Trauma Sciences at Queen Mary School of Medicine and Dentistry, London and Founder and Director of www.trauma.org.

To register, contact Naomi Aoki on 03 9903 0356 or by email (naomi.aoki@monash.edu).