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Rebates for Cataract Surgery from 1 February

The Minister for Health and Ageing announced a revised fee structure for the Medicare rebates for cataract surgery for MBS items 42698, 42701 and 42702. The items will attract the following benefits from 1 February 2010:

- 42698 - \$572.20 (schedule fee), \$429.15 (75% of schedule fee)
- 42701 - \$319.10 (schedule fee), \$239.35 (75% of schedule fee)
- 42702 - \$731.80 (schedule fee), \$548.85 (75% of schedule fee)

Australia Day 2010 Honours List

APHA is pleased to congratulate Mark Compton AM, CEO of St Luke's Care in Sydney and Pat Grier AM, former CEO of Ramsay Health Care on becoming Members of the Order of Australia. Mark was recognised for service to the community, particularly through St John Ambulance Australia and through executive and volunteer roles with a range of hospital, health care and medical research organisations. Pat was recognised for service to the health care industry through executive and administrative roles, to the provision of improved services for psychiatric care and as a supporter of a range of medical and charitable organisations.

Research in Private Hospitals

Is your hospital involved in research and/or clinical trials? The next edition of Private Hospital magazine is themed around research programs in private hospitals. Showcase the vital work being undertaken in your hospital. Please contact Lisa Ramshaw, APHA Public Affairs Manager at lisa.ramshaw@apha.org.au with details on programs that could be highlighted in the next issue. Deadline for submissions is 19 February.

Call for Abstracts - National Forum on Safety and Quality in Health Care

The Call for Abstracts is now open for the National Forum on Safety and Quality in Health Care at the National Convention Centre, Canberra, 25-27 October 2010. The theme for the Forum, which will be hosted by The Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS), in collaboration with the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care and ACT Health, is:

"Society, Regulators and Health Providers: a clash of expectations?"

Date: 25 – 27 October 2010

Location: National Convention Centre, Canberra

To register interest or submit an abstract, please visit: <http://www.sapmea.asn.au/forumsqhc2010>

The call for abstracts closes **Monday 15 March 2010**.

Safe Use of Radiographic Contrast Media

Injected iodinated radiographic contrast media is generally safe, however with increased use adverse events are more likely to occur. In the latest edition of *Australian Prescriber* Kenneth Thomson, Professor and Director of Radiology, and Dinesh Varma, Head of Trauma and Emergency Radiology, at The Alfred in Melbourne, consider the indications for contrast media. To view the full article go to www.australianprescriber.com.

ACHS Education Would Like to Hear from You

ACHS Education wants to ensure that they are providing education in the areas where it is needed. To help them understand your needs, they are conducting an online survey for members.

To add your views by participating in this survey, please click on the link below:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/27Y6XNV>

All responses will be anonymous and all data used only to help in the planning of future education methods and topics.