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HCP and PHDB Annual Reports

The Department of Health and Ageing have released two new annual reports detailing health statistics from private hospitals. The Private Hospital Data Bureau annual report includes health statistics received from private hospitals detailing information relating to patient statistics. The Hospital Casemix Protocol annual report includes health statistics received from private health insurers detailing information relating to patient statistics. The reports include detailed statistics on the charge weights, number of separations, episodic charge, accommodation charges, prostheses charges, and hospital and medical gap charges amongst other useful information. This information is given for each DRG. The reports can be downloaded in pdf or excel format from:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-casemix-data-collections-publications>

Government announces Clinical Training Capacity Grants recipients in Victoria – Success for APHA members

The government has announced the recipients of the Clinical Training Capacity Grants for Victoria. Two APHA members have been successful.

Warringal Private Hospital in partnership with the University of Melbourne has been awarded \$212,000 to establish a sub-branch of the Austin Clinical School at the Warringal Hospital. This will allow medical students to access patients.

Epworth HealthCare in partnership with Deakin University has been awarded \$1.45million to expand clinical placements across all Epworth HealthCare sites.

7th Annual Innovative Practice in the Private Sector Conference

PHAQ will again host their annual Innovative Practice in the Private Sector Conference to showcase innovations in the private hospital sector which have demonstrated outcomes in the areas of Clinical & Non-clinical Operational Innovations; Strategic Innovations and Innovations in Education and HR Management. The conference will be held in Brisbane on 21 June 2010. For more information see www.phaq.org.

MTAA Presentation Available

MTAA has recently developed a free presentation for healthcare professionals working in healthcare facilities, which is available on the MTAA website. This presentation is designed to raise awareness of the environment in which medical technology companies operate. It introduces MTAA and its role across industry; provides an overview of the support medical company representatives can offer a healthcare facility; details training modules for medical company representatives in the *ACORN Standards for Perioperative Nursing* as visitors to the perioperative environment; and details how the MTAA/MTANZ Industry Code of Practice affects medical technology company interactions with healthcare professionals. To access the presentation, visit

www.mtaa.org.au/page284.asp

nib Announces Resignation from Australian Health Services Alliance

nib Health funds have announced its resignation as a member of the Australian Health Services Alliance (AHSA) effective 30 June 2010. From this date there will be a changeover period, during which time nib will be resuming control of those services currently provided by AHSA. As part of this, nib will be transitioning contracted hospitals and day surgeries onto nib contracts. This change will not affect nib customers who are currently booked to have procedures at hospitals contracted through nib's AHSA membership.

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