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HESTA Australian Nursing Awards

Do you have a remarkable nurse at your hospital? If you know an exceptional nurse, midwife, personal care attendant or assistant in nursing then recognise their efforts by nominating them for one of three awards: Nurse of the Year, Innovation in Nursing or Graduate Nurse of the Year.

Last year, the Innovation in Nursing award was won by Jacinta Vanderpuije, a Clinical Nurse Educator at St Vincent's Private Hospital in Sydney. It would be fantastic to have private hospital nurses win all three categories so nominate the great nurses who work at your hospital today! See www.hestanursingawards.com for nomination forms.

ACSQHC – Patient Centred Care discussion paper

The Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care has prepared a discussion paper entitled *Patient-Centred Care: Improving Safety and Quality by Focusing Care on Patients and Consumers*. This is a new and exciting piece of work for the Commission that will prompt some interesting debate on how to improve uptake, awareness and implementation of patient centred approaches in Australian health care settings.

The paper is complete and the consultation period on this discussion paper has now commenced. Submissions are due by 17 December 2010. The Commission has placed the paper and instructions on how to provide a submission on the Commissions website: <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/PCCC>

Updated Prostheses List Guide

An update to the Prostheses List guide to listing and setting benefits for prostheses (the Guide) is now available. The Guide is in two parts:

- ~ Part 1 . Understanding the Prostheses Arrangements; and
- ~ Part 2 . Making an application for inclusion in the Prostheses List.

All sponsors are encouraged to use the Guide. Note that the Guide does not address the requirements for human tissue items.

Sponsors should note the following changes that have been included in the Guide:

Reference to the PDC has been removed and replaced by information on the new committee, the Prostheses List Advisory Committee (PLAC). The committee terms of reference and business rules have also been added.



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ACHS Education Workshop Calendar for January to June 2011

The new ACHS Education calendar contains several new workshops:

- Measurement in Healthcare: How to Maximise the Benefits of Clinical Indicators . presented by Dr Jen Bichel-Findlay, Coordinator of the ACHS Performance Outcomes Service, this workshop will help you to get the most from your Clinical Indicators.
- EQulP5: Understanding Criterion 1.5.7: Nutrition . presented by Ros Pearson, ACHS Survey Coordinator, this half day workshop will cover key aspects of what surveyors expect from organisations addressing this new EQulP5 criterion.
- Medication Safety Mandated - presented by Helen Dowling, ACHS Surveyor. Medication Safety is Everybody's Business and 1.5.1 Medication Safety is now a mandatory criterion. This workshop is designed to EQulP you with the tools you need to improve medication safety in your organisation.
- EQulP5 Introductory Short sessions and full day Workshops . Dates are currently being finalised, and will be added to the calendar as soon as possible.

The ACHS Education calendar for the first half of 2011 and registration forms are now available online at: <http://www.achs.org.au/EduCalendarmonth/>

Patient Blood Management Guideline Review

The Review of The NHMRC/ASBT Clinical Practice Guidelines on Fresh Blood Components (2001) is currently being undertaken under the auspices of the Australian & New Zealand Society of Blood Transfusion (ANZSBT) and the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) with funding, project management, and secretariat services provided by the National Blood Authority (NBA) on behalf of all governments.

As part of a thorough stakeholder engagement strategy, the NBA aims to keep relevant organisations and their members up-to-date with the progress of the review via regular email updates and invite interested groups, organisations and individuals to make submissions on the draft recommendations as they are made available for public consultation on the NBA website: <http://www.nba.gov.au/guidelines/updates.html>