



APHA Vital Signs

A WEEKLY ROUND-UP OF NEWS VITAL TO THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL INDUSTRY

1 December 2013

APHA's Submission to The Review of the PCEHR

APHA has welcomed the opportunity to provide recommendations to the review of the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR).

Key issues for the private hospital sector that were raised in the submission include:

- The lack of consultation with the private hospitals sector in the concept and implementation stages of the PCEHR
- The potential benefits for private hospitals
- The barriers to utility of the system to private health providers
- The financial costs vs. patient benefits
- The gaps between expectations and delivery of the system
- The limitations to existing data

To read the submission, visit: <http://www.apha.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/The-review-of-the-Personally-Controlled-Electronic-Health-Records-System-FINAL.pdf>

OAICnet Draft APP Guidelines for APPs 12 and 13 (Part 5) Consultation

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) has released the third and final tranche of Australian Privacy Principles (APP) Guidelines for consultation. The third tranche covers APPs 12 and 13 (Part 5). Consultations will close Monday 16 December 2013. Please send submissions to consultation@oaic.gov.au.

For more information see [APP Guidelines and submissions](#).

Read more about [privacy law reform](#).

APHA National Congress – Registrations Open

APHA has opened registration for the 33rd National Congress to be held 23-25 March 2014 at the Brisbane Convention Centre.

Join us at what will prove to be the highlight of your networking and health care conferencing year! Featuring plenary sessions addressing:

- Public-Private Partnerships Work
- Expanding the Contribution of the Private Health Sector
- The Importance of Culture in Health Care Settings
- Your Workforce in 2020: Is Your Succession Plan Ready?
- Leadership in Employee Engagement - How to Create an Engaged, Sustainable and Effective Team!
- The Importance of Imagination in the Workplace
- Open Disclosure - Meeting the Standard
- Complaints Management in a Social World

To register, visit: www.aphacongress.com.au

APHA Member Forum: Social Media for APHA Member Hospitals & Day

Surgeries

APHA, [HESTA](#) and [ME Bank](#) have teamed up to provide APHA members with the opportunity to participate in a number of hands-on workshops on social media for staff working at APHA member hospitals and day surgeries.

This week APHA presented to NSW and QLD member hospitals and day surgeries who found it very interesting and useful. If you would like to attend the SA member forum please RSVP to [Lyndal Bailey](#) ASAP.

Dates and Venues:

- 6 December – Adelaide – Western Hospital

To find out more information about the member forums, please visit:

<http://www.apha.org.au/2013/10/apha-member-forum-social-media-for-apha-member-hospitals-and-day-surgeries/>

eHealth Clinicians User Guide Release 2

National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA) have advised that release 2 of the eHealth Clinicians User Guide is now available: <http://www.nehta.gov.au/media-centre/nehta-publications/guides>

Following extensive stakeholder consultation and feedback this updated version of the user guide has been developed to support both General Practices and Private Specialist Practices, however it is applicable to all healthcare providers. The guide supports medical practices in navigating the complexities of eHealth (including the national eHealth record system) from planning, preparation, registration and implementation through to meaningful use.

If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback, please contact:

eHealthUG.enquiries@nehta.gov.au.

URGENT MEDICINE RECALL AND SAFETY ALERT – Syringe Dosing Device for Children’s Panadol 1 Month – 2 Years (Baby Drops)

The TGA issued a safety advisory regarding this issue on 22 November. GSK also issued a Safety Alert to consumers and hospitals and undertaking a retail level recall from pharmacies. Consumers and hospitals should check any Children's Panadol Baby Drops syringes they have with reference to information provided by the TGA.

For further details see:

<http://www.tga.gov.au/safety/alert-medicines-childrens-panadol-baby-drops-syringe-131126.htm#.UpqPzMQW3Hk>

On the Radar - Issue 154

On the Radar is a summary of some of the recent publications in the areas of safety and quality in health care. Some of this week’s content includes:

Antibiotic resistance—the need for global solutions

Antimicrobial stewardship in Victorian hospitals: a state wide survey to identify current gaps

Difficult but necessary conversations — the case for advance care planning

Pathways to enhancing the quality of stroke care through national data monitoring systems for hospitals

On the Radar is available via email or as a PDF document from

<http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-resources/on-the-radar/>

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