



APHA Vital Signs

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

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Private Hospitals Week kicks off today – 12 May 2013

This week private hospitals across the country will be celebrating Private Hospitals Week (12 – 18 May).

To join in the celebration and show why you value private hospitals:

- Vote for your favourite [‘We Do So Much More’ video](#).
- Attend one of the many [events](#) at our member hospitals.
- Share why you value private hospitals on our [“Have your say”](#) website page.
- Become a Fan on our [Facebook](#) page and share your story, write on our wall, connect with other fans, upload photos or interesting information.
- Follow us on [Twitter](#) and see what’s happening.
- Talk with family and friends about private hospitals and encourage them to connect with the campaign.

For more information, contact [Lisa Ramshaw](#) or [Lyndal Bailey](#) at the APHA secretariat.

Chemotherapy Funding

In a welcome announcement on Sunday 5 May, Minister Tanya Plibersek indicated that additional funding of \$29.7 million would be provided for chemotherapy as a temporary measure for six months from 1 July 2013. This funding will provide an additional \$60 per infusion. It will be a 2013/14 Budget measure funded outside of the Fifth Pharmacy Agreement.

The Minister has also announced that there will be a further review of chemotherapy to establish what an appropriate funding level should be. Details of the proposed review which is due to be completed by October 2013 can be downloaded [here](#).

‘We Do So Much More’ Video Competition – Voting Open

APHA and [ME Bank](#) have teamed up to provide APHA members the opportunity to showcase their hospital and its contribution to Australian health care system through a video competition on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/valuingprivatehospitals/app_95936962634. Check out the entries and vote for your favourite one!

There are two categories for hospitals:

- Small member facility (less than 100 hospital beds or a day surgery)
- Large member facility (more than 100 beds)

The video in each category that receives the most votes between 11-16 May will receive an iPad donated by ME Bank.

In addition, the top three videos in each category will be deemed category finalists and will enter into **win a \$5,000 cash Grand Prize** also donated by our good friends at ME Bank.

National Recommendations for User-applied Labelling of Injectable Medicines, Fluids and Lines – Advice Update

Issues Register 1: Pre-printed labels for identifying medicines in dedicated continuous infusion lines

Evaluation of pre-printed medicine line labels was conducted in four intensive care units led by The Geelong Hospital (Barwon Health). The evaluation concluded pre-printed labels are a suitable alternative to the generic medicine label. It also concluded that any colour coding should be consistent with the 'anaesthetic labelling standard', with the exception that 'high-risk' medicines are labelled using red text on white background. Full recommendations from the evaluation are found on page 32 of the report at www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/medication-safety/user-applied-labelling/support-materials/

A label guide to assist label selection and procurement is now available on the Commission website at www.safetyandquality.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/Line-label-guide-A4-PRESS.pdf

Health services should transition to the new medicine line labels when existing stocks are exhausted.

Issues Register 14: Pre-printed label sets for the cardiac catheter laboratory

The Labelling Recommendations Reference Group has recommended an evaluation of the extension of the 'anaesthetic labelling standard' to labelling in cardiac catheter and radiology suites. Modifications were made to pre-printed sterile label sheets following initial evaluation in cardiac catheter laboratories. These changes are consistent with the feedback from the initial evaluation and extension of the anaesthetic labelling standard in other areas of clinical practice. The second evaluation is underway in 4 cardiac catheter laboratories and 2 radiology suites and the results are expected later this month with recommendations available in June 2013.

FAQs

An updated edition of the FAQs consistent with the revised Issues Register is now available at www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/medication-safety/user-applied-labelling/labelling-recommendations-frequently-asked-questions/

National Hospital Cost Data Collection Round 16

PWC are currently in the process of finalising the public report with IHPA and anticipate providing each participating hospital with the draft report this coming week for review prior to release.

On the Radar - Issue 125

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:

Quality governance: How does a board know that its organisation is working effectively to improve patient care? Guidance for boards of NHS provider organisations

The measurement and monitoring of safety: Drawing together academic evidence and practical experience to produce a framework for safety measurement and monitoring

People Power Health: Health for people, by people and with people

The Business Case for People Powered Health

On the Radar is available via email or as a PDF document from <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-resources/on-the-radar/>

