



APHA Vital Signs

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

13 October 2013

APHA meets new Federal Minister for Health

On Friday, APHA President Chris Rex & CEO Michael Roff met with the new Minister for Health, the Hon Peter Dutton MP. In a very productive meeting, a range of key issues for the private health sector were canvassed. Further meetings with other Ministers and advisers are scheduled for next week in Canberra.

Mental Health Week 2013

Nearly 200 private hospitals around Australia celebrated Mental Health Week last week.

To view the celebrations, please visit the [Australia's Private Hospitals Facebook page](#) or [Priv8hospitals Twitter page](#).

APHA Annual General Meeting

APHA's AGM will be held on 28 October 2013. In order to convene the meeting a quorum of 55% of member votes is required. If you are unable to attend the meeting please consider voting by proxy.

Completed proxy forms must be received by APHA by 2:00pm on 26 October 2013 and instructions for submitting these were included on the personalised proxy form emailed to members in early October.

Should you have any queries in relation to this please contact ruth.mcgorman-mann@apha.org.au.

APHA National Procedure Banding Schedule Update – changes effective 1 October 2013

With effect from 1 October 2013, one new MBS item has been added to the National Procedure Banding List as under:

- Item No 18375 - Classification –Type B - Band 1A#

Further details of this update are available on the members only area of the [APHA website](#) (requires APHA member login and password).

NSQHS Standards Network Meetings

The following Network meetings will be held via a free call teleconference and will run for an hour. To register for a Network meeting date, please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Std5and2networkmtgdates>.

Standard 2: Partnering with Consumers

Public and private hospital sector:

- 23 October 2013 at 12:30 pm (AEDST)
- 24 October 2013 at 2:00pm (AEDST)

Day procedure services and hospitals with less than 100 beds:

- 31 October 2013 at 2:00 pm (AEDST)

Standard 5: Patient Identification and Procedure Matching

Public and private hospital sector:

- 15 October 2013 at 12:30 pm (AEDST)

Day procedure services and hospitals with less than 100 beds:

- 16 October 2013 at 2:00 pm (AEDST)

The aim of the Network meetings is to clarify any questions you may have regarding the NSQHS Standards or the accreditation process.

For more information, please contact: accreditation@safetyandquality.gov.au

Safety Advisory - Biomedical Telemetry Equipment

The TGA has advised medical device sponsors, hospitals and health professionals that changes to radio frequency (RF) spectrums in Australia could affect a small number of biomedical telemetry devices used in hospitals. The changes are being managed by the Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA) and relate to the transition from analogue to digital television services. The transition is scheduled to start in November 2013.

For further information visit: <http://www.tga.gov.au/safety/alerts-device-biomedical-telemetry-equipment-131004.htm#info-hospital>

Australian Financial Review's "Women of Influence" Competition

Congratulations to council member Amanda Quealy, CEO of The Hobart Clinic, Anne-Marie Corboy, CEO of HESTA and Lisa O'Brien (former APHA Director) who were named in the 2013 100 Women of Influence this week. For more information, visit:

http://www.afr.com/p/national/work_space/100women/meet_women_of_influence_89lkRPpsrjBUXkALmxU8UO

On the Radar - Issue 147

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:

Large simple trials and knowledge generation in a learning health system: Workshop summary

Health economic evaluation of an infection prevention and control program: Are quality and patient safety programs worth the investment?

Clinical transfusion practice update: haemovigilance, complications, patient blood management and national standards

Variation in Surgical-Readmission Rates and Quality of Hospital Care

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

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