



## APHA Vital Signs

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### Win \$5000 in our Private Hospitals Week Video Competition – Enter by 10 May

This year the Australian Private Hospitals Association (APHA) and ME Bank are partnering to provide APHA members the opportunity to showcase their hospital and its contribution to Australian health care through a video competition on Facebook. We are really excited to announce that the competition is open for entries!

Run in conjunction with Private Hospitals Week 2013 (12-18 May 2013), the video competition will help raise awareness of the contribution private hospitals make in caring for Australians and being a vital part of the Australian health system.

There are two categories for hospitals: Small member facility (less than 100 hospital beds or a day surgery) and Large member facility (more than 100 beds). The video in each category that receives the most votes through Facebook will receive an iPad donated by ME Bank.

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

All entries to the competition must be made through the Australia's Private Hospitals Facebook page by 10 May 2013. Voting for finalists will take place on Facebook during Private Hospitals Week and the winners will be announced on 17 May 2013.

The competition details can be found here:

[http://www.facebook.com/valuingprivatehospitals/app\\_95936962634](http://www.facebook.com/valuingprivatehospitals/app_95936962634). Please make sure you read the competition guidelines and terms & conditions before entering.

If you have questions about the competition, please contact [Lyndal Bailey](#), Communications Officer at APHA.

We can't wait to see the creative entries for this competition. Good luck and get videoing!

### Staff Changes

Last Friday, APHA farewelled Kathryn Lee after more than nine years as our Director, Finance & Administration. Kathryn's commitment and dedication to her role over this period have played a significant part in ensuring the healthy financial position enjoyed by the association. We wish Kathryn all the best for her future endeavours.

Over the course of the last week, Kathryn has been providing a handover to her successor, Ruth McGorman-Mann. Ruth has joined APHA from Anglicare, where for the last two years she has been Director, Finance and Business Improvement. We welcome Ruth to APHA and look forward to her contribution to the organisation. Ruth can be contacted on [ruth.mcgorman-mann@apha.org.au](mailto:ruth.mcgorman-mann@apha.org.au).

### MBS Review of Ear, Nose and Throat Services – Public Consultations Opens

The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking public comment on the scope for the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review of ear, nose and throat services. The Department is seeking

feedback on the scope, or terms of reference, for the review, specifically on key stakeholders, the scope itself, and the proposed review methods and techniques.

Public consultation closes on 28 April 2013. Feedback should be sent to [MBSReviews@health.gov.au](mailto:MBSReviews@health.gov.au). All feedback will be treated as confidential; it will not be published.

Further information on MBS Reviews is available at:  
<http://www.msac.gov.au/internet/msac/publishing.nsf/Content/reviews-lp>

## APHA Wants to Know How We Can Help You

Do you need help measuring up against the national performance indicators? As attention within the sector shifts towards the need to publically report against safety and quality indicators. APHA is reviewing the services it provides so that hospitals are better supported in understanding their performance. APHA invites you to express your views as to the services that you would like APHA to provide by completing a short survey. You can review and complete this survey [online](#) or you can download a [PDF](#) from the APHA website.

## Second Tier Renewal Reminder

Please note that the Second Tier status of some private hospital facilities is due to expire on 30 June 2013. The closing date for applications is Friday, 26 April 2013, and the next meeting date of the Second Tier Advisory Committee is Friday, 24 May. This is the last meeting before 30 June 2013. Those hospitals wishing to apply for continued eligibility need to submit an application to the APHA, details regarding the process and a performance application can be downloaded from the APHA website <http://www.apha.org.au/industry-resources/>

Should you require further information please contact Andrea Versteegen at APHA on [andrea.versteegen@apha.org.au](mailto:andrea.versteegen@apha.org.au) or 02 6273 9000.

## On the Radar - Issue 122

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:

*Which way to quality? Key perspectives on quality improvement in Canadian health care systems*

*Surviving sepsis campaign: international guidelines for management of severe sepsis and septic shock: 2012*

*The effect of a checklist on the quality of post-anaesthesia patient handover: a randomized controlled trial*

*A theory-driven, longitudinal evaluation of the impact of team training on safety culture in 24 hospitals*

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