ACSQHC – Use of patient safety information generated from administrative hospital datasets

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) has updated its statement on the appropriate use of patient safety information generated from administrative hospital datasets.

The Commission encourages the use of patient safety information from administrative hospital datasets for the purpose of review and to enable improvements in care.

However, the Commission also states that “Patient safety information generated from administrative hospital datasets is not fit for use in healthcare funding models or to determine financial incentives or disincentives”.

This statement makes specific reference to:

- The Core Hospital-based Outcome Indicators (CHBOI)
- High-priority hospital complications for patient safety monitoring
- The Classification of Hospital Acquired Diagnoses (CHADx)

The statement is available on the ACSQHC website.

Chemotherapy funding

Australian Private Hospitals Association (APHA) has been participating in a consultation process being run by the Department of Health on the operationalisation of changes to chemotherapy funding announced in the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement.

APHA and other stakeholders have expressed concern that these changes are exceedingly complex and could risk creating additional overheads for both dispensing pharmacies and third party compounders.

The Department has prepared a draft proposal and invites your comments (closes 21 August). If you have issues or questions that you would like APHA to raise on your behalf, please contact Lucy Cheetham.

APHA is also continuing to assess in detail the risk of unintended consequences arising from the introduction of a two-tiered funding model for TGA and non-TGA licenced compounders.

Veterans’ Affairs (TRCP Treatment Eligibility) Determination 2015 (FED) – retrospectively effective 22 May 2015

This instrument determines eligibility for a kind of treatment under the Veterans’ Entitlements Act (VEA) 1986 known as TRCP treatment.

This treatment is provided under the Treatment Principles made under the VEA.

The Instrument and Explanatory Statement can be viewed here.
Medibank Private fact sheets

In light of recent media coverage of the Medibank Private issue, APHA has developed two fact sheets for its members to use when explaining the issue to both doctors and patients.

- How will Medibank Private’s actions affect care for my patients? (For doctors)
- How do Medibank Private’s actions impact my healthcare? (For patients via doctors or hospitals)

The first is specifically for distribution to medical professionals, while the second can be given to patients by hospitals or by doctors.

Both fact sheets can be downloaded from the resource section of the APHA website.

Medicare billing assurance toolkit

Hospitals are now able to access the Medicare Billing Assurance Toolkit to better understand and meet their legal obligations when claiming under Medicare.

The Toolkit includes checklists, strategies and other information to help facilities strengthen risk management processes when making Medicare claims.

The full Toolkit can be accessed here.

Hands-on social media workshop – 15 days to go

Embrace the power of social media and move your hospital into the digital age by joining APHA in Brisbane next month for a hands-on social media workshop.

The 2015 Social Media Residency is a key feature of the first ever international Healthcare and Social Media Summit, presented by Mayo Clinic.

The Residency is an intense one-day workshop designed to teach you how to write a social media strategy that will link to your organisation’s business goals. It offers a hands-on approach to learning about the tools available and will give you the competence and confidence to return to your workplace with a plan to use social media in practical ways in healthcare.

Don’t miss the chance to learn from some of the best international practitioners of social media in healthcare.

APHA member receive a special discount on registration for the workshop. Click here to register.

Ramsay Health Care announces strategic alliance with ICHOM

Ramsay Health Care has announced a Strategic Alliance with the International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement (ICHOM), becoming the first multinational hospital group to partner with the US-based organisation.

Read the full press release here.

On the Radar – Issue 235

*On the Radar* is a summary of some of the recent publications in the areas of safety and quality in health care. Some of the latest content includes:

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- Promoting excellence: Standards for medical education and training *BMJ Quality and Safety*
- The future of primary care: Creating teams for tomorrow
- Partnering with consumers: national standards and lessons from other countries

Issue 235 and previous issues of *On the Radar* are available via email or as PDF documents from the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care’s website.