



APHA Vital Signs

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

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

This year 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: http://www.facebook.com/valuingprivatehospitals/app_95936962634.

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 (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 be entered to win a \$5,000 cash Grand Prize also donated by our good friends at ME Bank.

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

National Standards Accreditation, New Advisories

Two new important advisories were published on the 15 April 2013. They are available on the Commissions website:

- [Advisory A13/01: Notification of Significant Risk in the Private Sector](#)
- [Advisory A13/02: Interim Accreditation of New Health Services](#)

Standards for Mental Health Services – ACSQHC Study

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC or Commission) will be in contact with psychiatric hospitals in the near future concerning a scoping study that is being conducted by the Commission, in collaboration with the National Mental Health Commission.

The study will be scoping the implementation of both the National Standards for Mental Health Services (2010) and the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (2011) in mental health services in the public, private and community managed sectors. For further information contact Andrew Moors on (02) 9126 3590 or Andrew.Moors@safetyandquality.gov.au

NSW Only: Survey on Clinical Training Placements

NSW Interdisciplinary Clinical Training Networks (ICTN) have collaborated to produce a brief online survey on the nature of clinical placements across the state. The information collected will be used to gain an understanding of factors affecting growth in placement capacity and to better inform local ICTN activity. Health professionals within the Private Hospital sector are invited to take part in this survey which aims to:

- Examine barriers to providing clinical placements in your discipline or organisation
- Explore opportunities for increasing quantity and quality of clinical placements
- Provide each ICTN with information specific to their region

The survey can be accessed online at https://s.zoomerang.com/s/NSW_ICTN_CPP_Survey_2013 until **3rd May 2013**.

A report detailing the State-wide results will be published on the NSW ICTN website in June 2013. For further information, please contact Bruce Czerniec at bczerniec@heti.nsw.gov.au

More information about the NSW ICTN can be found at www.heti.nsw.gov.au/ictn/

Private Health Insurance Rebate and Medicare Levy Surcharge Income Thresholds for 2013-14

The income thresholds for the Australian Government Rebate on private health insurance (Rebate) and the Medicare levy surcharge (MLS) has now been advised by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for the 2013-14 income/tax year. For more information visit [2013 Private Health Insurance \(PHI\) Circulars](#).

Tanya Plibersek and Peter Dutton on Q&A

The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Health and The Hon Peter Dutton MP, Shadow Health Minister will be on Q&A this Monday the 22nd April 2013. For further information, visit: <http://www.abc.net.au/tv/ganda/>

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 or 02 6273 9000.

Update on TGA's Decision to Cancel Prescription Pain-Killers

The Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) handed down its decision in the appeal against the TGA's decisions to cancel dextropropoxyphene-containing products, Di-Gesic and Doloxene from the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG). For more information, visit: <http://www.tga.gov.au/newsroom/media-2013-dextropropoxyphen-130412.htm>

On the Radar - Issue 123

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:

ExPeKT—Exploring prevention and knowledge of venous thromboembolism: a two-stage, mixed-method study protocol

Why Don't We Know Whether Care Is Safe?

How Health Systems Could Avert 'Triple Fail' Events That Are Harmful, Are Costly, And Result In Poor Patient Satisfaction

NICE's end of life decision making scheme: impact on population health

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