



# APHA Vital Signs

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

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## TGA Alert:

The TGA has issued alerts for a number of Medtronic products:

- Consulta Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Pacemaker
- Medtronic MiniMed insulin reservoirs (MMT-326A and MMT-332A models)
- Medtronic SynchroMed II and SynchroMed EL implantable infusion pumps

More information on all three can be found at <http://www.tga.gov.au/safety/alerts-current.htm>

## APHA National Procedure Banding Schedule Update

The National Procedure Banding List most recent update (1 July 2013) is available on [APHA's members area](#).

The 1 July 2013 update, includes all new items/deletions and amended descriptions since the previous version dated 1 March 2013 – amended 29/4/13 and should be read in conjunction with the attached Summary of Changes dated 1 July 2013.

Should you have any queries, please contact [Andrea Versteegen](#).

## National Forum on Clinical Trials Research Governance

NHMRC is conducting a national forum on clinical trials research governance on 5 September 2013 in Melbourne and is interested in seeking involvement of representatives from public hospitals, private hospitals, industry, academia and jurisdictional representatives at an appropriate level to enable discussion of effective and efficient research governance methodology and contribute to developing solutions. For further information please contact Donna Stephenson, phone 02 6217 9538 or [Donna.Stephenson@nhmrc.gov.au](mailto:Donna.Stephenson@nhmrc.gov.au)

## HWA Releases Health LEADS Australia

Health LEADS Australia has been approved as the national health leadership framework by Health Workforce Australia (HWA) Directors and the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council following national consultation involving over 700 people.

For more information or to download a PDF copy of Health LEADS Australia, visit:

<https://www.hwa.gov.au/work-programs/workforce-innovation-and-reform/leadership-sustainable-change>

## ACSQHC Releases Australian One Health Antimicrobial Resistance Colloquium Background Paper

The Australian Antimicrobial Resistance Prevention and Containment (AMRPC) Steering Group has released the [Australian One Health Antimicrobial Resistance Colloquium Background Paper](#) as part of the development of the Australian National AMR Prevention and Containment Strategy.

## Invitation - National Clinical Issues Horizon Scan

APHA has been invited to nominate clinicians from the private hospital sector to participate in an horizon scanning process being run by the National Lead Clinicians Group. This group was established in September 2011 to advise the Federal Minister for Health and Ageing. Participation will involve attendance at one of two workshops in either Adelaide (16 August) or Cairns (12

September). Those interested are asked to contact [Lucy Cheetham](#).

### **Second Tier Default Benefits Reminder**

The next scheduled meeting of the Second Tier Advisory Committee (STAC) will be held on Friday, 30 August 2013. Those hospitals wishing to apply need to submit an application to APHA by Friday, 9 August 2013. Details regarding the process and a pro forma application form can be downloaded from the [APHA website](#).

The current STAC-approved list of second-tier facilities can be found in Attachment A of the Private Health Insurance (PHI) Circular dated 28 June 2013, available at: <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-phicirculars2013-36>

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.

### **Private Hospitals Magazine – October 2013 Edition**

APHA is looking for articles for the October 2013 Edition of Private Hospital Magazine and would love to hear from your hospital.

The theme for this edition focuses on either Rehabilitation or Mental Health. Here is your chance to feature and show off new programs, newsworthy happenings at your facility or activities spearheaded by innovative staff members.

Submissions for the magazine should be between 450-900 words in length and should be accompanied with high resolution photographs. The deadline for submissions is 30 July 2013.

Please email [Lyndal Bailey](#) with your ideas for articles.

### **On the Radar - Issue 135**

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:

*Non-technical skills and the future of teamwork in healthcare settings*

*Does quality affect patients' choice of doctor? Evidence from the UK*

*Public reporting of surgeon outcomes: low numbers of procedures lead to false complacency*

*Encouraging patients to ask questions: How to overcome "white-coat silence"*

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