



APHA Vital Signs

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

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One Week Left to Register for the 2013 APHA National Congress

The 32nd APHA National Congress will be held at the Crown Conference Centre 3-5 March and features a fantastic line up of speakers from the US, New Zealand and Australia. This is the leading private health care conference of 2013 and you do not want to miss it! Check out the program and register online at www.aphacongress.com.au.

APHA in Talks About the Future of Training in the Private Sector

Last week in various forums including a National Summit convened by the NSW Minister of Health Julian Skinner on the future in Medical Internships, APHA has called for greater recognition and support for the role of the private sector in clinical training for medical and other health professionals.

In 2012, the private sector demonstrated its capacity and willingness to provide opportunities of medical interns when the Federal government provided additional funding in response to alarms at an expected shortfall in training places. While for a variety of reasons the number of positions filled fell far short of the need initially estimated - from an initial commitment from the Commonwealth to fund 100 positions only 22 were filled. But the issue has not gone away as the 2013 cohort of graduates is on its way!

Attendees at the National Summit were unanimous in support for the a complete reevaluation of the way in which medical graduates enabled to qualify for registration and entry into vocational training. The private sector needs to articulate clearly its view of the way ahead. If you would like to contribute to an ongoing discussion on this and related issues within APHA, contact [Lucy Cheetham](#).

PHI10/13: Delay of the February 2013 Protheses List

DoHA has advised the February 2013 Protheses List (PL) will be published on 19 February 2013 with an effective date of 5 March 2013. The Department had previously advised that the February 2013 PL was to be published on 14 February 2013 with an effective date of 28 February 2013.

ACSQHC National Recommendations for User-applied Labelling of Injectable Medicines, Fluids and Lines - Recent Decisions

The latest version of the Labelling Recommendations Issues Register including the most recent decisions by the Labelling Recommendations Reference Group is available online at www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/medication-safety/user-applied-labelling/issues-register/

It includes important advice in relation to the following issues:

Issues Register 1: Labelling content of dedicated continuous infusion lines. **NEW ADVICE AVAILABLE**

Issues Register 11: The abbreviated container label in the perioperative sterile field

Issues Register 12: Labelling small syringes and syringes in syringe drivers

Issues Register 14: Evaluation of labelling in the cardiac catheter laboratory. **INTERIM ADVICE**

Issues Register 20: Labelling contrast media

Issues Register 21: Extending colour coding from the 'anaesthetic labelling standard' (ISO26825:2008) to medicine labels in the Labelling Recommendations

Health Workforce Data at your fingertips

Health Workforce Australia have released a new online data tabulation tool that allows users to develop their own tables, graphs and maps using the National Health Workforce Dataset and Clinical Placements Dataset. A simple online registration provides free access to data on demographic and employment information (for example labour force status, location of main job, area of practice, work setting) for registered health professionals. Data on clinical placements delivered for these professions is also available. The online tool allows tables to be constructed and data to be mapped geographically to support local planning and analysis.

APHA will be accessing this data source in order to promote a better understanding of workforce issues particular to the private hospital sector. We will also be looking at ways in which this data can be used to influence policy. [Mehrdad Khodai](#) would be interested to receive your questions and comments.

Save the Date

This year Private Hospitals Week will be held on the 12-18 May 2013.

On the Radar - Issue 115

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:

Improving patient safety through the systematic evaluation of patient outcomes

Enhancing patient safety and quality of care by improving the usability of electronic health record systems: recommendations from AMIA

A Systematic Review of Simulation for Multidisciplinary Team Training in Operating Rooms

Can incident reporting improve safety? Healthcare practitioners' views of the effectiveness of incident reporting

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