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### **NHPA New Report on Hospital Performance**

The National Health Performance Authority (NHPA) has published a new report [\*Hospital Performance: Healthcare-associated Staphylococcus aureus bloodstream infections in 2011-12\*](#). Even after accounting for hospital size, service provision and patient vulnerability there was wide variation in incidence rates. Data for private hospital voluntarily reporting rates of infection is published on <http://www.myhospitals.gov.au/>

### **Review of Australian Government Health Workforce Programs**

Minister for Health Tanya Plibersek today released the final report of the independent review into Australian Government's health workforce programs. The *Mason Review of Australian Government Health Workforce Programs* makes 87 recommendations covering Commonwealth programs that target the medical, dental, allied health, nursing and midwifery and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforces.

The report notes there is a significant level of untapped capacity in the private sector for the clinical training of all health professions and recognises that the sector is not currently funded to support education and training for undergraduate students. In line with APHA's submission to the review, the report specifically recommends the following:

"The Commonwealth (as well as Health Workforce Australia (HWA)) should engage more closely with the private health sector in developing and implementing health education training initiatives. This engagement should be planned and regular and occur at a senior level. This approach should help to enhance the potential for private sector training capacity to be utilised more fully and in a more structured and consistent way."

The full report is available [here](#).

### **Open Disclosure Framework**

The Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Healthcare has published the *Australian Open Disclosure Framework*. The Framework and supporting resources are available from the Commission website at: [www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/open-disclosure/](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/open-disclosure/)

## Private Hospital Magazine – August 2013 Edition

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

The theme of this edition is Cancer Care. Here is your chance to feature and show off current events, services, new developments and projects. It is also a good opportunity to explain to the readership the valuable contribution that private hospitals are making to the health industry across the country. We are happy to highlight other things happening at your hospital, even if it doesn't fit the current theme.

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 17 June 2013.

Please email [Lyndal Bailey](mailto:Lyndal.Bailey@apha.org.au) with your ideas for articles.

## Two Events in Two Days

### **10th Innovative Practice in the Private Sector Conference – Monday 17 June 2013 – Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre**

Sponsored by HESTA, this one day conference will showcase a range of private hospital clinical and non-clinical innovations, all of which are finalists in the 2013 Innovative Practice in the Private Sector Awards.

### **6th Quality & Safety in Action Conference – Tuesday 18 June 2013 – Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre**

With a theme of Putting the National Standards into Practice this interactive conference will focus on a complex hypothetical scenario which not only encompasses elements of the Governance, Partnering with Consumers, Clinical Handover and Recognising and Responding to Clinical Deterioration Standards, but also will include Open Disclosure and preparing for and attending a Coronial hearing.

A combined registration program for both events may be downloaded from the home page of the [PHAQ website](http://www.phaq.org.au) or alternatively please contact Lucy Fisher, PHAQ (07) 3279 7600 for further information.

## Epworth HealthCare – Men's Health in General Practice Symposium

Epworth HealthCare is proud to announce the inaugural Men's Health Symposium. The Surgical Specialty and General Surgery & Gastroenterology Clinical Institutes will be holding a combined symposium in recognition of the importance of Men's Health. To register, or to view the Program and Speaker profiles please go to - <http://wired.ivvy.com/event/MENS13/>

## On the Radar - Issue 127

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:

*National Healthcare Quality Report 2012*

*Does integrated care deliver the benefits expected? Findings from 16 integrated care pilot initiatives in England. Research brief*

*Let the patient revolution begin*

*Close calls in patient safety: Should we be paying closer attention?*

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

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