



# APHA Vital Signs

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

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## ACSQHC Survey: Standard 2 Supportive Materials

The Commission is committed to helping healthcare organisations address the requirements of the new National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards.

As part of their work in this area, they have developed a number of tools and resources. They would like to know how useful healthcare organisations have found these and to identify any other tools and resources which might be needed specifically for implementation of Standard 2: Partnering with Consumers.

They are inviting healthcare organisations to complete a short survey on this topic. The survey takes around five minutes to complete and can be found at: <https://www.research.net/s/MBF7TTM>

## 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)

## 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](mailto:Lyndal.Bailey@apha.gov.au) with your ideas for articles.

### **What is Twitter all about?**

Twitter is a platform where users share thoughts, news and information in 140 characters of text or less. Twitter is a great way to get your hospital's message out to a wider community. Profiles are public – anyone in the world can see what you write. Users 'follow' each other in order to keep tabs on and converse with specific people. Want to keep up to date with news outlets, politicians (especially important in this election year) or [APHA](http://www.apha.gov.au)? All you have to do is follow people or organisations on Twitter.

Twitter has some basic rules for engagement and APHA can help you set up an account for your hospital and advise you on using it. Just contact Lisa Ramshaw or Lyndal Bailey at APHA on 02 6273 9000 and we can get you started. Remember, Twitter is an experience. The more you use it, the more enjoyable and resourceful it will become. If you stick with it, it can pay great dividends in connecting with people interested in your hospital.

### **On the Radar - Issue 136**

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:

*Review into the quality of care and treatment provided by 14 hospital trusts in England: overview report*

*2013 Annual Progress Report to Congress: National Strategy for Quality Improvement in Health Care*

*Hospital Strategies Associated With 30-Day Readmission Rates for Patients With Heart Failure*

*Reducing Cardiopulmonary Arrest Rates in a Three-Year Regional Rapid Response System Collaborative*

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