



APHA Vital Signs

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29 September 2013

Public Holiday in the ACT – Monday 30 September – APHA Office Closed

Monday 30 September is Family & Community Day in the ACT and the APHA Secretariat will be closed. The office will re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday 1 October.

Detailed PHIAC data on APHA Members Site

The detailed analysis of the June PHIAC data has been completed and is now available for APHA hospital members on the APHA website at: <http://www.apha.org.au/members-area/information-papers/>

AROC Follow-Up Brain Injury Benchmarking Workshop

AROC hosted an inaugural Brain Injury benchmarking workshop in November 2008. The outcome of the workshop was the development of a set of targets for the treatment of brain injury, which were finalised and published in July 2009. The targets were developed by clinicians specialising in brain injury rehabilitation in conjunction with the rehabilitation industry.

Four years on, it's time to review the targets to ensure they remain pertinent to current practise trends and are clinically useful. AROC would like to invite you to a follow-up benchmarking workshop being held in Sydney on Monday 18 November 2013.

The objectives of the follow-up workshop will be threefold:

- 1) Firstly to review analysis of the traumatic brain injury specific data items (Date emerged from PTA and chronic amnesic) in relation to patient outcomes (LOS and FIM change)
- 2) Secondly to evaluate the achievements of the traumatic and non-traumatic brain injury outcome targets over the years and to review the targets as deemed necessary. Participants will be able to network and share experiences in addressing and managing processes issues and inputs that affect clinical outcomes.
- 3) Thirdly to consult with the sector about the clinical relevant content you would wish to see in the brain injury impairment specific report (which is just about to be programmed)

This 1-day workshop will be held at the University of Wollongong's Sydney Business School. If you have attended previous workshops here, please note that the school has changed its location. They are now based in the Gateway building, 1 Macquarie Place (Enter via Loftus Street entrance), Circular Quay, Sydney- see attached map for details.

There is no cost to attend and morning tea and lunch will be provided. Participants are however responsible for funding their own travel, parking and accommodation. Please extend this invitation to 2-3 representatives from your facility (medical, nursing and/or allied health). Please confirm attendance and number of participants by Monday 7th October 2013. To register contact Janet Law on janetl@uow.edu.au.

Correction to PHI Circular 57/13 – Nursing Home Type Patient Contribution Rates

The Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Amendment Rules 2013 (No. 4) (the Amendment Rules) were registered with the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (FRLI) on 25 September 2013 and commenced on the day after registration (FRLI No: F2013L01742).

The purpose of the Amendment Rules is to make a correction to Western Australia's Nursing-Home Type Patient Contribution rate that was made by the Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Amendment Rules 2013 (No. 3) which was registered with FRLI and commenced on 20 September 2013 (FRLI No: F2013L01716).

The Amendment Rules amends Part 2, paragraph 8A(3)(a)(viii) of the Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Rules 2010 (No. 2) to reflect Western Australia's correct Nursing-Home Type Patient Contribution rate of \$54.75.

In addition, PHI Circular 57/13 made reference to the Australian Capital Territory's (ACT) Nursing-Home Type Patient Contribution rate of \$50.95. The correct Nursing-Home Type Patient Contribution rate for the ACT is \$53.55, as stated in the Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Amendment Rules 2013 (No. 2) which was registered with FRLI and commenced on 1 July 2013.

For the full table of patient contribution rates for nursing-home type patients in each State/Territory, please see: <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-phicirculars2013-index1>

Innovative Workforce Poster Exhibition 2013

Health Workforce Australia is inviting abstract submissions for the Innovative Workforce Poster Exhibition to be held 18-20 November 2013 at the Adelaide Convention Centre, Exhibition Hall. The Poster Exhibition is an opportunity to showcase innovative health workforce initiatives. Individuals and organisations in both the public and private sectors are invited to show the different ways they are meeting the challenge of creating a skilled and flexible health workforce.

For entry criteria and more details see www.hwa.gov.au/2013conference.

On the Radar – Issue 145

On the Radar is a summary of some of the recent publications in the areas of safety and quality in health care compiled by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. Inclusion in this document is not an endorsement or recommendation of any publication or provider. On the Radar can be downloaded at: <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-resources/on-the-radar/>

Highlights of issue 145 include an invitation to a public lecture on Shared Decision Making in Sydney on 16 October, information on a book: *Quality improvement made simple: What everyone should know about healthcare quality improvement*, and a report on *Delivering high quality cancer care: Charting a new course for a system in crisis*.