



# APHA Vital Signs

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## Private Healthcare Australia PHI Rebate Campaign Launched

PHA has placed an advertisement in all major Metropolitan dailies around Australia informing the general public about the impact on all Australians of the Federal Government's means-testing and planned further changes to the private health insurance rebate.

To view more information or get involved with this campaign, visit: [www.youshouldknow.com.au](http://www.youshouldknow.com.au)

## Private NHCDC Collection Round 16 – Extension of deadline

The NHCDC Team has advised that to date they have received the submissions for approximately 65% of separations from private hospitals to enable them to publish a Round 16 costing study, however the deadline for data submission has been extended until COB of Friday 8 February 2013. If you have not submitted your data and wish to do so, please note this deadline. Questions or queries to 1800 NHCDC0 [1800 642 320].

## The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care – Medication Safety Issue 9

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care released a new issue of Medication safety in January that covers:

- NSQHS Standards and accreditation support
- Private hospital NIMC long stay version
- NIMC 2012 National Audit
- National Subcutaneous Insulin Form Pilot
- New national children's medicines dosing resources
- And other national initiatives

The full details of the issue can be found on the [Commission's website](#).

## Changes to Second Tier Administrative Arrangements

As advised last week, a new version of the Administrative Arrangements for the Second Tier Default Benefits for Overnight and Day Only Treatment has been published by the Department of Health and Ageing. This document and associated materials can be found at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-phicirculars2013-07>

An updated version of the [Sample Application](#) reflecting these changes is located on the Australian Private Hospitals Association Website.

## A National Congress March 2013

APHA would like to invite you to register for the **APHA 32nd National Congress** being held from Sunday 3 - Tuesday 5 March 2013 at Crown Conference Centre in Melbourne, Australia. The Congress is being held in association with the New Zealand Private Surgical Hospitals Association (NZPSHA).

To register [please click here](#)

The program offers a variety of sessions that will appeal to a wide cross-section of participants from all areas of the private healthcare system. This year the program will focus on international

experiences in health care, how to break down generational barriers in the workplace, consumer issues, workforce, mental health, e-health innovations and much more.

**To view the program [please click here.](#)**

In addition to the keynote and plenary speakers, the Congress will facilitate debate and discussion through a program of formal and informal networking opportunities, and present a showcase of industry innovation at the Congress Trade Exhibition. APHA's 32nd National Congress will deliver a thought provoking and informative look into the hot issues impacting private hospitals this year.

For more information about the Congress please visit: [www.aphacongress.com.au](http://www.aphacongress.com.au)

## **APHA Indicator Collection – Transition Deadlines**

All participants are reminded that the deadline for submission of data for the fourth quarter of 2012 is 15 February 2013. Although it will be possible to submit data after this date, participants are requested to make every effort to meet the deadline so that all participants will be able to access reliable benchmarking data ahead of 31 March. Participants will cease to have access to the Collection after 31 March. If you anticipate any difficulties in meeting your data submission and reporting requirements within these timeframes, or if you have any questions about transitional arrangements, please contact George Neale immediately via [george.neale@inet.net.au](mailto:george.neale@inet.net.au)

## **NSW - New Infectious Disease Notification Requirements**

The NSW Public Health Act 2010 and the Public Health Regulation 2012 commenced on 1 September 2012. A new provision allows for medical practitioners and pathology laboratories to make a notification if they believe a patient is suffering from a medical condition or disease that may pose a significant risk to public health even if it is not included in the notifiable conditions schedule. Conditions for notification and updated forms are available at: [www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/Pages/notification.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/Pages/notification.aspx)

## **Towards Patient Blood Management: future directions for NSW,**

This special forum will be hosted by the NSW Clinical Excellence Commission on Tuesday March 5th, 2013 at the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney. Further information is available at <https://www.ors.net.au/BloodForum.html> **Registrations close on 22nd February 2013**

## **Australia Day Honours**

Medical Director of Epworth Freemasons, Dr James (Jim) Ernest Breheny received Australia Day Honours for his extraordinary contribution to both the public and private health sector in Australia over the past fifty years. [For more information.](#)

Professor Silburn, Lead Clinician for the Asia-Pacific Centre for Neuromodulation (a joint initiative between The University of Queensland and St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital) was honoured for his significant service to medicine as a neurologist, particularly in the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases. [For the full story.](#)

## **On the Radar - Issue 112**

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:

*Quality in the new health system: Maintaining and improving quality from April 2013*

*Medical errors in primary care clinics -- a cross sectional study*

*Changes in adverse event rates in hospitals over time: a longitudinal retrospective patient record review study*

*Integrating Human Factors Research and Surgery: A Review*

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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