



APHA Vital Signs

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

3 November 2013

APHA Annual General Meeting

Thank you to all those members who submitted proxies for the APHA Annual General Meeting. The AGM was conducted on Monday 28 October in Sydney and the meeting resolved to accept the Director' report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2013.

APHA Council Meeting

The APHA National Council met in Sydney on Monday 28 October. The Council received a briefing from the CEO on lobbying activity undertaken since the election and endorsed the Associations strategic objective to be pursued with the new Government.

In addition, the Council discussed issues relating to promotion of the private hospitals sector and reviewed the draft program for the 2014 National Congress.

Finally, the Council farewelled Nick Warden, who is stepping down as Councillor as a consequence of his impending retirement as CEO of Burnside War Memorial Hospital.

Consultation on NHCDC

The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority is currently consulting with participants on the next round of the private sector National Hospital Cost Data Collection. APHA is currently considering its response to this consultation and welcomes feedback from APHA members. Key issues include the utility of the collection, publication of data and benefits to private hospitals in return for the effort involved.

Please direct your comments to [Lucy Cheetham](#) at APHA.

PHI Circulars Update

The following two circulars were published this week:

- [PHI 73/13 Amendment to the Private Health Insurance \(Benefit Requirements\) Rules 2011](#)
- [PHI 72/13 Amendment to the Private Health Insurance \(Prostheses\) Rules 2013 \(No.1\)](#)

APHA National Congress – Invitation to Exhibit and Sponsor

The APHA Congress Organising Committee invites you to participate in the 33rd Annual APHA National Congress from 23-25 March 2014 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The APHA National Congress is promoted broadly throughout Australia. As in 2013, the meeting will be held in March as we want to stand out, make an impact and be the first major health care event on the calendar for 2014. The APHA Congress aims to set the healthcare agenda for the forthcoming year with a program that is shaping up to be our best ever.

To ensure that you are part of this event, please visit: <http://www.icebergevents.com/apha2014/> for more information about Sponsorship and Exhibition opportunities.

APHA Member Forum: Social Media for APHA Member Hospitals & Day Surgeries

APHA will present a number of hands-on workshops on social media for staff working at APHA hospitals and day surgeries. These workshops are free for APHA members and will take place in NSW, VIC, QLD, ACT, SA and WA. To find out more information about the member forum, please visit: <http://www.apha.org.au/2013/10/apha-member-forum-social-media-for-apha-member-hospitals-and-day-surgeries/>

Dates and Venues:

- 21 November 2013 – Canberra – APHA Office
- 27 November 2013 – Sydney – North Shore Private
- 28 November 2013 – Brisbane – Greenslopes Private Hospital
- 2 December – Melbourne – Epworth Richmond (limited spaces left)
- 4 December - Perth – TBC (expressions of interest required)
- 6 December – Adelaide – Western Hospital

Please RSVP to [Lyndal Bailey](#) as places are limited.

Private Hospital Magazine – February 2014 Edition

APHA is looking for articles for the February 2014 Edition of Private Hospital Magazine and would love to hear from your hospital.

The theme for this edition focuses on training and education. Here is your chance to feature and show off your programs and facilities, and any other newsworthy happenings at your facility.

Submissions for the magazine should be around 450 words in length and should be accompanied with high resolution photographs. The deadline for submissions is 2 December 2013.

Please email [Lyndal Bailey](#) with your ideas for articles.

ACHS Clinical Indicators

The ACHS has updated their Clinical Indicator Sets across a number of areas and participants in the CI Program are invited to review the indicators that they collect to ensure that the collection is of maximum relevance to them. Hospitals and day surgeries that do not participate may wish to review the range of indicators now available. The 2014 Collection period begins on 1 January. For full details see the following link: http://www.achs.org.au/media/73916/cip_bulletin_2013.pdf

On the Radar - Issue 150

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:

Closing the NHS funding gap: how to get better value health care for patients

Delivering better services for people with long-term conditions: Building the house of care

Culture and behaviour in the English National Health Service: overview of lessons from a large multimethod study

Informal learning from error in hospitals: what do we learn, how do we learn and how can informal learning be enhanced? A narrative review

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

