



APHA Vital Signs

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

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Australian Financial Review Round Table Discussion on Healthcare

Last week APHA's CEO, Michael Roff attended the Australian Financial Review's round table discussion on healthcare. The discussion centred on the Grattan Institute's recent report on Budget Pressures on the Australian Governments which noted over the past decade, health expenditure has risen by more than \$40 billion in real terms and the prime cause was not the ageing population but that people of all ages are seeing doctors more often, having more treatments and taking more prescription drugs.

First Public-Private Partnership for NSW Hospitals

Health Minister Jillian Skinner has announced expressions of interest will be invited from the private sector to design, construct, operate and maintain a world-class hospital on Sydney's northern beaches.

The 423-bed NBH will provide both public and private services. The successful tenderer will be a private or not-for-profit hospital operator with a proven record. The operator will enter into a long term contract with the NSW Government to deliver public services and the hospital will remain part of the clinical network of the Northern Sydney Local Health District.

An industry briefing will be held on Thursday May 9. Expressions of interest will open on Friday May 10 and will be available at <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/>

For further information on the Northern Beaches Hospital go to www.NBHSredev.health.nsw.gov.au

Private Hospitals Week Video Competition - Only 5 Days Left to Enter!

APHA and [ME Bank](#) have teamed up to provide APHA members the opportunity to showcase their hospital and its contribution to Australian health care system through a video competition on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/valuingprivatehospitals/app_95936962634. Videos MUST be entered into the competition before the **10 May 2013**.

There are two categories for hospitals:

- Small member facility (less than 100 hospital beds or a day surgery)
- Large member facility (more than 100 beds)

The video in each category that receives the most votes (11-16 May) will receive an iPad donated by ME Bank.

In addition, the top three videos in each category will be deemed category finalists and will enter into **win a \$5,000 cash Grand Prize** also donated by our good friends at ME Bank.

If you have questions about the competition, please contact [Lyndal Bailey](#), Communications Officer at APHA.

ACSQHC/NMHC Survey on the Implementation of National Standards

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, in collaboration with the National Mental Health Commission, is conducting a scoping study on the implementation of National Standards in Mental Health Services, including the National Standards for Mental Health Services (2010) and the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (2011).

Last week ACSQHC issued an invitation to people with responsibility for safety and quality programs or clinical governance in the private mental health sector to participate in an online survey. All information collected will be confidential. No reported data will be attributed to any individual or organisation. The survey should take about 20 minutes to complete. If you have any questions about the survey or the broader study, please contact Andrew Moors on (02) 9126 3590 or email: andrew.moors@safetyandquality.gov.au

National Procedure Banding Schedule Amendment to April 2013 Update

There has been a correction made to the summary of changes to the NPB List effective 1 March 2013 originally issued. The amendment reflects the fact that in relation to Item No 30687, the 600 Catheter (\$1650) & 900 Ultra Catheter (\$2100) previously noted are not covered by the NPBC Recommendation. The recommendation only applies to: 900 Catheter \$1800, 3600 Catheter \$2739 and sizing balloon for use with 3600 Catheter \$869.

For more information, visit [the members area of the APHA website](#).

Meet Australia's Best in Nursing!

The nomination phase for the 2013 HESTA Australian Nursing Awards has now ended. The judges are behind closed doors, making their decisions. The awards dinner is being held **this Thursday 9 May 2013** in Melbourne — and HESTA would love you to join them at this event! The evening will be a celebration of excellence in nursing and midwifery, to inspire and enjoy.

Tickets are available for group bookings of eight or more (\$80 per individual) or individuals (\$95). Purchase online at hestanursingawards.com.au