



APHA Vital Signs

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

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Australian Private Health Sector Blood Forum

The National Blood Authority is hosting the Australian Private Health Sector Blood Forum on May 21 with invitations sent to selected private hospitals and corporate groups. The RSVP date has been extended to Friday, 12 April 2013. APHA will be attending and hospitals who have yet to respond are encouraged to do so by contacting Ms Lyndsay Wall private.sector@blood.gov.au or phone (02) 6151 5049. If you would like to assist in the development of APHA's position on this important issue please contact Lucy Cheetham lucy.cheetham@apha.org.au.

MBS Review of Ear, Nose and Throat Services – Public Consultations Opens

The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking public comment on the scope for the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review of ear, nose and throat services. The Department is seeking feedback on the scope, or terms of reference, for the review, specifically on key stakeholders, the scope itself, and the proposed review methods and techniques.

Public consultation closes on 28 April 2013. Feedback should be sent to MBSReviews@health.gov.au. All feedback will be treated as confidential; it will not be published.

Further information on MBS Reviews is available at:
<http://www.msac.gov.au/internet/msac/publishing.nsf/Content/reviews-lp>

PMHA launches Borderline Personality Disorder Report

PMHA Quality Improvement Project has launched its Final Report: *The Provision of Psychological Services for Borderline Personality Disorder in Private Hospital Settings*, as their contribution towards the need for comprehensive information about Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) services in Australia.

PMHA would like to offer their sincere thanks to the many Hospital Managers who took the time to respond their survey.

The Final Report can be found at:
[https://www.pmha.com.au/Portals/4/PublicDocuments/OtherWork/0%20QIP%20BPD%20Hospitals%20Survey%20\(Final,%202013-03-25\).pdf](https://www.pmha.com.au/Portals/4/PublicDocuments/OtherWork/0%20QIP%20BPD%20Hospitals%20Survey%20(Final,%202013-03-25).pdf)

Private Hospitals Week 12 – 18 May 2013 Video Competition

Start brainstorming ideas for this year's 'Valuing Private Hospitals – We Do So Much More' Video Competition which will launch this week!

The brief is to create a video that highlights why your facility does 'So Much More'. The winner with the most creative video will win \$5,000 cash donated by ME Bank. Two Category Winners (one large and one small facility) who receive the most likes for their video will also win an Apple iPad donated by ME Bank.

Full details will be sent to hospital champions this week. If you like to update your hospital champion or become involved in this year's Private Hospital Week, contact [Lyndal Bailey](mailto:Lyndal.Bailey@apha.org.au).

APHA Wants to Know How We Can Help You

Do you need help measuring up against the national performance indicators? As attention within the

sector shifts towards the need to publically report against safety and quality indicators. APHA is reviewing the services it provides so that hospitals are better supported in understanding their performance. APHA invites you to express your views as to the services that you would like APHA to provide by completing a short survey. You can review and complete this survey [online](#) or you can download a [PDF](#) from the APHA website.

Second Tier Renewal Reminder

Please note that the Second Tier status of some private hospital facilities is due to expire on 30 June 2013. The closing date for applications is Friday, 26 April 2013, and the next meeting date of the Second Tier Advisory Committee is Friday, 24 May. This is the last meeting before 30 June 2013. Those hospitals wishing to apply for continued eligibility need to submit an application to the APHA, details regarding the process and a performance application can be downloaded from the APHA website <http://www.apha.org.au/industry-resources/>

Should you require further information please contact Andrea Versteegen at APHA on andrea.versteegen@apha.org.au or 02 6273 9000.

On the Radar - Issue 121

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:

Exploring patient participation in reducing health-care-related safety risks

Making integrated care happen at scale and pace: Lessons from experience

Rating providers for quality: a policy worth pursuing?

Indication-based prescribing prevents wrong-patient medication errors in computerized provider order entry (CPOE)

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