



# APHA Vital Signs

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

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## Review of Funding Arrangements for Chemotherapy Services

The Department of Health and Ageing has released the promised review of funding arrangements for chemotherapy - [click here](#) for details. This review is separate from the Senate Review conducted early this year. Submissions close 29 July.

APHA will be making a submission for this review and members are encouraged to refer comments or questions to Lucy Cheetham via [lucy.cheetham@apha.org.au](mailto:lucy.cheetham@apha.org.au) or 02 62 73 9000. If you would like to contribute to the APHA submission please contact Lucy Cheetham immediately as the timeframe is extremely short.

## URGENT SAFETY ALERT: GE Healthcare - Medical Device Correction for Nuclear Medicine Systems

APHA has received advice from the TGA regarding a safety issue that has arisen with nuclear medicine systems manufactured by GE Healthcare. If you have a GE Healthcare nuclear medicine system but have not been contacted by GE Healthcare or if you have any questions or concerns regarding this notification, please call the GE Healthcare National Support Centre on 1800 659 465. **Based on current investigation information, GE Healthcare recommends that your site cease use of your Nuclear Medicine system until GE Healthcare can complete an inspection of your system.**

## ACSQHC National Standards Guide for Small Hospitals

The ACSQHC has produced a work book specifically intended for use by small hospitals preparing for accreditation under the National Standards. This workbook can be downloaded at <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications/nsqhs-standards-guide-for-small-hospitals-workbook/>

## New National Standard Medication Charts for Private Hospitals

In response to calls by APHA and hospitals across the private sector ACSQHC has released an updated suite of National Inpatient Medication Charts which include a pre-printed VTE prophylaxis section. In addition, new private hospital versions of the NIMC (paediatric) and NIMC (paediatric long-stay) are available for the first time. All NIMCs, including new charts for paediatric and paediatric long-stay, are available in private hospital versions except for the NIMC (clozapine titration). Work is continuing to assess the need for a private hospital Clozapine titration chart. The charts and support materials including an online training module are now all available online for implementation at <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/medication-safety/medication-chart/>

## WorkCover 2013 NSW Private Hospital Fees - Update

The WorkCover NSW Private Hospital Fee Schedule effective for services provided on or after 1 July 2013 can be found via the following link on the WorkCover NSW website: <http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/formspublications/publications/Pages/private-hospital-fee-schedule-2013.aspx>

## Gynaecology Clinical Indicator Set and Hospital Wide CI Set

The Australian Council on Healthcare Standards has invited APHA to nominate a representative for:

- The working party for the Gynaecology Clinical Indicator Set and
- The working party for the Hospital Wide CI Sets.

Those interested should contact [Lucy Cheetham](#) by COB 17 July.

### PHIAC Data – Detailed Analysis from March Quarter 2013

A detailed analysis of the March quarter statistics from PHIAC are now available from the [members area of the APHA website](#).

This paper has been prepared by Dr Mehrdad Khodai-Joopari, Research and Data Manager. Please direct any queries you may have to Mehrdad on 02 62739000 or at [research@apha.org.au](mailto:research@apha.org.au).

### Victoria – Health Data Standards & Systems Updates

The following documents will be uploaded to the [Health Data Standards & Systems website](#):

1. HDSS Bulletin 183 Coding and Classification Edition
2. Victorian Additions to the Australian Coding Standards 2013-14
3. Calendar of ICD coding and DRG grouping systems used in Victoria (updated for 2013-14)

### Second Tier Default Benefits Reminder

The next scheduled meeting of the Second Tier Advisory Committee (STAC) will be held on Friday, 30 August 2013. Those hospitals wishing to apply need to submit an application to APHA by Friday, 9 August 2013. Details regarding the process and a pro forma application form can be downloaded from the APHA website <http://www.apha.org.au/resource/sample-application-2013-2nd-tier-default-benefit-eligibility/>

The current STAC-approved list of second-tier facilities can be found in Attachment A of the Private Health Insurance (PHI) Circular dated 28 June 2013, available at: <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-phicirculars2013-36>

Should you require further information please contact Andrea Versteegen at APHA on [andrea.versteegen@apha.org.au](mailto:andrea.versteegen@apha.org.au) or 02 6273 9000.

### On the Radar - Issue 133

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:

*An environmental disinfection odyssey: evaluation of sequential interventions to improve disinfection of Clostridium difficile isolation rooms*

*Missed medication doses in hospitalised patients: a descriptive account of quality improvement measures and time series analysis*

*Identifying and Addressing Preventable Process Errors in Trauma Care*

*Surgical adverse events: a systematic review*

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