



# APHA Vital Signs

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

12 August 2012

## APHA Council 2012/ 2013 Elections

Nominations will open on Monday 13 August 2012 when Chief Representatives of eligible Members will receive an email inviting them to follow a link to nominate for a position on the APHA Council.

Nominations will close on 27 August. If a ballot is required in any of the electorates the ballots will be issued electronically on 31 August.

In order for the nomination to be validated by the Company Secretary the Member must be financial. Membership fees for 2012/13 must be received by APHA by 31 August 2012 for a member to be considered financial. All Members with an outstanding membership amounts in respect of 2012/13 have been sent a reminder invoice on 1 August 2012.

Should a Chief Representative of a Member not receive an email by 5pm on Monday or if a member has any queries in relation to this please contact [kathryn.lee@apha.org.au](mailto:kathryn.lee@apha.org.au)

## Rehabilitation - Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre

All hospitals providing rehabilitation services currently provide data to the Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre. The APHA Rehabilitation Committee would like to hear from hospitals concerning their involvement with the AROC data collection. What are the benefits to hospitals? How could the collection be improved? What are the challenges in collecting this data? Please contact Lucy Cheetham, Director Policy and Research at [lucy.cheetham@apha.org.au](mailto:lucy.cheetham@apha.org.au).

## New research Centre to target improved mental health in Australia

The University of Queensland has been awarded a \$2.44 million Centre of Research Excellence to research the design of a better mental health system for Australia. The Centre is among 17 National Health and Medical Research Council Centres of Research Excellence announced last week by the Health Minister, Tanya Plibersek in Brisbane.

The funding was awarded to the team led by Toowong Private Hospital's professor Harvey Whiteford who has had a longstanding relationship with the hospital. The University thanks the Kratzmann family, and in particular Mr Wayne Kratzmann and Toowong Private Hospital, who have endowed Professor Whiteford's Chair since 2000.

## Delayed Release – ECLIPSE Server Adaptor November 2012

The Department of Human Services (the Department) wish to advise that the ECLIPSE Server Adaptor November 2012 (Beta) release has been delayed. The Department will provide a revised date of delivery as soon as possible.

Should you have any queries regarding this advice please contact Online Technical Support on [1300 550 115](tel:1300550115) or [otsliaison@humanservices.gov.au](mailto:otsliaison@humanservices.gov.au).

## BloodSafe eLearning Australia

BloodSafe eLearning Australia is funded by the National Blood Authority. They provide free quality

on-line education courses for health care professionals.

BloodSafe offer a range of courses including:

- Clinical Transfusion Practice
- Collecting Blood Specimens
- Transporting Blood
- Postpartum Haemorrhage
- Iron Deficiency Anaemia.

Details about each course can be viewed at [www.bloodsafelearning.org.au](http://www.bloodsafelearning.org.au)

### **Patient Blood Management Guideline Development August 2012 progress update**

The Patient Blood Management Guidelines August 2012 progress update is currently available on the NBA website: <http://www.nba.gov.au/guidelines/updates.html>

### **On the Radar - Issue 91**

*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:

*Harm to Healing—Partnering with Patients Who Have Been Harmed*

*Care Redesign — A Path Forward for Providers*

*Strategies for improving patient safety culture in hospitals: a systematic review*

*Patient safety in psychiatric inpatient care: a literature review*

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