



APHA Vital Signs

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

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Australia's Private Hospitals Facebook page

APHA's Australia's Private Hospitals Facebook page launched its new timeline picture last week. The new picture highlights some facts about private hospitals in Australia. The Facebook page is a great place to read and share information with over 1000 people about new programs, initiatives, news and what's happening in private hospitals around the country. Find us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/valuingprivatehospitals> and show your support for private hospitals.

APHA Members – Rehabilitation Electorate

The APHA's National Private Rehabilitation Group (NPRG) is in the process of considering revisions to the **Guidelines for Recognition of Private Hospital-Based Rehabilitation Services**. This process began last year when hospitals were invited to identify concerns. Several changes have been proposed by a working party and a draft of the Guidelines has been circulated to APHA members providing rehabilitation services for comment by **COB Friday 20 July**.

Please note that for some hospitals that are members of a corporate group, the draft Guidelines will be circulated within the group and feedback will be collated at group level. If you are an APHA member and would like to provide comment but have not received a copy of the draft guidelines either from APHA or through your corporate head office, please contact Lucy Cheetham at lucy.cheetham@apha.org.au.

Psychiatric Electorate - National Survey on Eating Disorders Service Provision

The National Eating Disorder Collaboration is conducting a national survey of service provision. An important part of the NEDC's activities is to provide access to the information that people with eating disorders and their families need. One of the key activities of the NEDC this year is a 'Gap Analysis'. This research will inform a report that will profile current services, practice approaches and information available and identify any priority gaps or opportunities for further development of the eating disorders sector in Australia. An invitation to participate in this survey has been sent to all APHA members providing psychiatric services on behalf of APHA Psychiatric Committee member and NEDC member Carol Turnbull. If your facility has not received an invitation to participate but would like to do so, you can visit the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/eatingdisordersreview> to complete the survey online. A parallel survey is also being conducted with clinicians (e.g. Psychologists, Psychiatrists, GPs, Dieticians, Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Dentists, Physiotherapists) working in this area. The closing date for this survey is 10 August 2012. For more information please contact Lesley Cook; partnersinpractice@bigpond.com.

Travel Grants to attend the ISO TC215 Working Group Meeting, Vienna, Austria 22nd- 26th September 2012

Health Informatics experts are invited to apply for travel grants to attend ISO TC215 Working Group Meeting. Those with expertise and the ability to represent Australia's current and planned national interests are particularly encouraged to apply for consideration. Successful applicants will be required to attend delegate briefings prior to departure and to provide reports following the meeting in Vienna. An independent selection panel representing funders (DOHA) and national

programs (NEHTA) appointed by Standards Australia will review the applications. Standards Australia will contact the selected delegates by Monday 30th July 2012 to provide feedback on the outcome of their applications. The deadline for applications to reach Standards Australia is **Sunday 22nd July 2012** please contact Naomi Ryan at Naomi.Ryan@standards.org.au.

Invitation to Nominate: Seeking Expertise in Training Requirements for Technicians and Health Support Roles

The Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (CS&HISC) is responsible for developing national competency standards and qualifications for the vocational education and training (VET) sector for the community services and health industries. As part of its review of the Health Training Package (HLT07), including qualifications, units and skill sets, CS&HISC is seeking an APHA nomination to an Industry Reference Group that will make detailed recommendations regarding the training requirements of technicians and health support workers.

Ideally the nominee should possess a sound understanding of the industry needs and trends; regulatory requirements and current work organisation/job roles. Knowledge of vocational education training is also desirable. This project will run until June 2014 and require attendance at least three face to face meetings in Sydney and a series of teleconference meetings throughout the project. Unfortunately there is no provision for travel costs to be met. Those interested should contact Lucy Cheetham at lucy.cheetham@apha.org.au.

Review of Health Services (Conciliation and Review) Act - Victoria

The Victorian government is conducting a review of its Health Services (Conciliation and Review) Act. The Expert Panel, led by Michael Gorton AM, are considering options for the modernisation of the role of the Health Services Commissioner and best practice models for resolving health complaints. Stakeholders including individual private hospitals and day surgeries should have received a letter from the Expert Review Panel inviting comment on a discussion paper. Additional information and copies of the discussion paper and response form are available at www.health.vic.gov.au/hscrareview.

National Blood Authority July 2012 Progress Update

The Review of *The NHMRC/ASBT Clinical Practice Guidelines on Fresh Blood Components* (2001) is currently being undertaken under the auspices of the Australian & New Zealand Society of Blood Transfusion (ANZSBT) and the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) with funding, project management, and secretariat services provided by the National Blood Authority (NBA) on behalf of all governments. The latest update is available at <http://www.nba.gov.au/guidelines/updates.html>

On the Radar – Issue 87

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:

Citizen Engagement in Health Casebook

Using Electronic Health Records to Improve Quality and Efficiency: The Experiences of Leading Hospitals

New standards in Ireland aim to improve safety and quality of health services

Pharmacist-Led Medication Review to Identify Medication-Related Problems in Older People Referred to an Aged Care Assessment Team: A Randomized Comparative Study

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

Epworth Clinical Institute of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Symposium 2012

Epworth HealthCare is presenting the Third Epworth Clinical Institute of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Symposium on Friday, 24 August 2012. The Symposium aims to address several current areas of

interest in Obstetrics & Gynaecology. To register and for more information see www.epworth.org.au.

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