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Means-Testing Legislation

Legislation giving effect to means-testing of private health insurance rebates was passed by the Senate on Thursday evening. The Government refused to allow a Senate Committee to examine the legislation then guillotined the debate before the Greens voted with them to support the legislation, which will come into effect on 1 July this year.

APHA CEO, Michael Roff, participated in a press Conference with Leader of the Opposition, Tony Abbott and Shadow health Minister, Peter Dutton to discuss the impacts of means-testing.

Only two weeks to go until Private Hospital Week 2012

Private Hospitals Week is fast approaching and from the 26-30 March 2012 hospitals around the country will be celebrating the vital and valued role they play in their communities. Champions have already received the Valuing Private Hospital collateral as well as event kits that were sent to their hospital to use throughout the week for different activities and events.

Michael Roff, APHA CEO, is attending some events throughout the week at different facilities and is looking forward to seeing what the hospitals have got planned in the way of morning teas, open days and other engagement activities for the staff and the wider community. To keep up with all the daily events and what will be happening within Private Hospitals Week, fan us on Facebook [://www.facebook.com/valuingprivatehospitals](http://www.facebook.com/valuingprivatehospitals) or follow us on Twitter [://twitter.com/#!/priv8hospitals](http://twitter.com/#!/priv8hospitals).

If your hospital is not currently signed up to the Valuing Private Hospitals campaign and wants to celebrate Private Hospitals Week 2012, please contact Lisa Ramshaw at APHA on .ramshaw@apha.org.au.

'Like' your private hospital and win \$1000 Voucher for Apple products- Hurry! Entries Close on 25 March



APHA's Valuing Private Hospital campaign fun Facebook Competition is open for one more week. Share what you and your staff 'like' about your APHA member hospital by taking a photo of something that you 'like' at your facility. Make sure you include the Facebook 'like' thumb board that your hospital champion has been sent in your photo and upload it to our contest area on our Facebook page.

The competition will be open for photo submissions until Sunday 25 March on the "Australia's Private Hospitals" campaign Facebook page [://www.facebook.com/#!/valuingprivatehospitals](http://www.facebook.com/#!/valuingprivatehospitals).

Please submit your photo by the 25th of March. Public voting for their favourite photo will open on 26 March to coincide with Private Hospitals Week and the winner will be announced on Friday

afternoon of Private Hospitals Week (30 March). The winner will receive a \$1000 voucher to spend at the Apple store. Full terms & conditions can be found on our Facebook page.

Therapeutic Goods Administration online web reporting for medical devices

The TGA has launched a new online form that makes it easier to tell the TGA about problems with medical devices. The new reporting system consists of forms with easy-to-follow instructions.

These online forms will bring benefits to consumers, health professionals and medical device manufacturers and sponsors by making reporting problems to the TGA easier and faster. To read more: <://www.tga.gov.au/safety/problem-device.htm>.

On the Radar Issue 73

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A Socio-cultural Perspective on Patient Safety

Standardising practices improves clinical diabetic foot management: the Queensland Diabetic Foot Innovation Project, 2006–09

he importance of preparation for doctors' handovers in an acute medical assessment unit: a hierarchical task analysis

Effect of Patient- and Medication-Related Factors on Inpatient Medication Reconciliation Errors

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