



APHA Vital Signs

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

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2012 Risk Context Statement for Australia's Supply of Blood Products (ASBP)

The 2012 Risk Context Statement for ASBP is an unclassified document developed by DoHA in consultation with the Attorney-General's Department (AGD), ASIO, National Blood Authority (NBA) and the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and cleared by the National Health Emergency Management Standing Committee on 21 September 2012. It provides operators with an overview of the current security environment and the threats facing the sector in relation to the supply of Blood Products. DoHA recommends all agencies and organisations involved in the collection, storage, manufacture and distribution of blood products follow a security assessment process such as described in this document.

To obtain a copy of this document, please contact lucy.cheetham@apha.org.au

Mobile Device Security Issues

The IT Security Expert Advisory Group (ITSEAG) of Australia's Trusted Information Sharing Network (TISN) have produced two information papers on security issues associated with the use of mobile devices.

To obtain a copy of the papers (*Mobile Device Security Information for Senior Executives* (July 2012)) and (*Mobile Device Security Information for IT Managers* (July 2012)), please contact Lucy.cheetham@apha.org.au.

Further information on this and related topics is provided on the web at www.tisn.gov.au

Senate Standing Committees Report: Palliative Care in Australia has been released

The Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs has released a report Palliative care in Australia, listing 38 recommendations that were put forward based on the committee's inquiry, which received more than 130 submissions. Recommendations include that the ACSQHC be asked to develop a standard for Palliative Care. Other recommendations cover funding, training and services available to patients and their carers. The full report is accessible at http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=clac_ctte/palliative_care/report/index.htm

Hospitals with Psychiatric Beds - Online Survey, Psychological Services for People with Borderline Personality Disorder

On 15 October, the Private Mental Health Alliance (PMHA) sent an invitation to all private hospitals providing services to people with a diagnosis of Borderline Personality Disorder (BDS). BPD services are subject to strong interest nationally and internationally making this survey timely and important. The APHA Psychiatric Committee strongly encourages Hospital Managers to avail themselves of this opportunity to ensure collection of accurate data on private hospital services. The survey also affords an opportunity for hospitals to flag issues of service delivery.

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EDL Update and Circular - Effective 1 October 2012

The NSW/QLD Exceptional Drug List Committee met in August to undertake its regular review of the list in the light of PBS amendments. Members requiring a copy of the EDL – Effective 1 October 2012 and accompanying circular should contact lucy.cheetham@apha.org.au at APHA.

On the Radar - Issue 101

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:

*Unnecessary care: are doctors in denial and is profit driven healthcare to blame?
Introducing Decision Aids At Group Health Was Linked To Sharply Lower Hip And Knee Surgery Rates And Costs*

Guidelines should reflect all knowledge, not just clinical trials

Making Greater Use Of Dedicated Hospital Observation Units For Many Short-Stay Patients Could Save \$3.1 Billion A Year

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

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