



APHA Vital Signs

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

23 September 2012

APHA Council 2012/2014 Elections

Following the recent elections, membership of the APHA Council for 2012-2014 is:

For Profit Large Group

Steve Atkins (Health Care)
Andrew Currie (Healthscope)
Michael Coglin (Healthscope)
Robert Cooke (Healthscope)
Craig McNally (Ramsay Health Care Australia)
Chris Rex (Ramsay Health Care Australia)
Geoff Sam (Health Care)
Danny Sims (Ramsay Health Care)

For Profit Small Group Large Independent

Henry Barclay (Cura Day Hospitals Group)

For Profit Small Independent

Kathy Nagle (Western Hospital)
Denise Thomas (Metropolitan Rehabilitation Hospital)

Not for Profit Large Group

Philip Currie (Sydney Adventist Hospital)
Richard Royle (UnitingCare Health Group)

Not for Profit Small Group Large Independent

Alan Cooper (Friendly Society Private Hospital)

Not for Profit Small Independent

Amanda Quealy (The Hobart Clinic)

Day Hospitals

Anne Crouch (Eye-Tech Day Surgeries)

Psychiatry

Christine Gee (Toowong Private Hospital)

Rehabilitation

Bronwyn Mace (Epworth HealthCare)

Regional Representatives

NSW (awaiting details)
Queensland (awaiting details)
SA Stephen Walker (St Andrew's Hospital)
Tasmania (awaiting details)
Victoria Alan Kinkade (Epworth HealthCare)
WA Moira Munro (Perth Clinic)

APHA Office Bearers (President, Vice-President, Chairman of Council and Treasurer) and additional Directors of the APHA Board will be elected at the first meeting of the APHA Council, scheduled for 29 October 2012.

Meeting will address palliative care funding in NSW

In its 2012-13 budget, the New South Wales Government announced new funding of \$20 million over four years to improve palliative care services in the state. The Government will next week host a briefing session with health officials, non-government and private organisations, and health-affiliated organisations to discuss new opportunities for the provision of community-based palliative care services. The session will give an overview of existing services, seek information from parties interested in enhancing existing services, outline a proposed strategy to purchase new community-based services and discuss the possibility of public-private partnerships.

The briefing will take place on September 25 in Sydney, with teleconference and web conference options also available. Those wishing to attend must RSVP by September 24. [Click here](#) to RSVP.

Important Dates for the February 2013 Prostheses List

The Department of Health and Ageing have announced the following dates for the February 2013 Prostheses List.

9 August 2012	Prostheses List Advisory Committee Meeting
August/September	CAG meetings
12 September 2012	Prostheses List Advisory Committee Meeting
17 September 2012	Ongoing listing fee invoices for February 2013 Prostheses List to be sent (invoice payable within 28 days)
11 October 2012	Prostheses List Advisory Committee Meeting
November 2012	CAG meetings
21 November 2012	Prostheses List Advisory Committee Meeting
13 December 2012	Prostheses List Advisory Committee Meeting
20 December 2012	ARTG and MBS item numbers required for recommended new applications for the February 2013 Prostheses List
31 January 2013	Letter to sponsors re: payment of initial listing fees/gaps (invoice payable within 14 days)
14 February 2013	February 2013 Prostheses List scheduled to be released
28 February 2013	February 2013 Prostheses List scheduled to commence

If you require further information please telephone: (02) 6289 9853/24 hr answering machine or email the enquiry to [Private Health Insurance Branch](#)

AIHW: Australia's medical indemnity claims 2010-11

The AIHW data on medical indemnity revealed there were about 2,800 new claims across the public and private sectors in 2010-11, with 1,500 arising from public facilities and 1,300 from private facilities. In both cases, the numbers were similar to those recorded in the past two years, though the private sector claims total was much higher than the 1,000 claims opened in 2007-08. For more information see: www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=10737433843

On the Radar - Issue 97

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:

From Innovation to Action: The First Report of the Health Care Innovation Working Group

Health Outcomes of Care: An Idea Whose Time Has Come

Evidence-Informed Change Management in Canadian Healthcare Organizations

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