



25th March 2012

This week is Private Hospitals Week

Private Hospitals Week has arrived. 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. To see a list of all the registered events that are planned throughout the week head to <http://privatehospitals.org.au/view-latest-news/private-hospitals-week/events-and-activities>

APHA is looking forward to seeing how all the hospitals get involved and celebrate the week for the staff, patients and the wider community. We also want to see all your photos, so send them to rebecca.angove@apha.org.au and we will use them to show staff and patients what great events were held throughout the week.

Don't forget that you can vote for your favorite photo in our Australia's Private Hospitals Facebook competition all week. Vote up to lunch time on the 30th March, we will then announce the lucky winner of a \$1000 Apple voucher. There are some fantastic photos showcasing why staff 'Like' their private hospitals. Get voting: <http://www.facebook.com/valuingprivatehospitals>

To keep up with all the daily activities and events throughout Private Hospitals Week, fan us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/valuingprivatehospitals> or follow us on Twitter <http://twitter.com/#!/priv8hospitals>.

National Procedure Banding Update - 21 March 2012 - Classification amendments issued by DoHA

DoHA issued PHI Circular 17/11 (*s/be 17/12 but circular has a typo*) this week which contains various classification amendments impacting on the National Procedure Banding List. A copy of the relevant circular is available at the following link <http://www.apha.org.au/members/procedure-banding-schedule/> and for those who may wish to view the regulatory amendment and explanatory statement – *Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amendment Rules 2012 (No 1)* – the link is <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2012L00604>

Extraordinary General Meeting – reminder

Eligible members are reminded to return their proxy forms, in relation to the EGM, by 1pm on 31 March. These proxy forms were included in the EGM information sent to chief representative of voting members on 9 March 2012.

The proxy forms may be returned to APHA by mail to PO Box 7426 Canberra ACT 2610, or by fax to 026273 7000.

For further information please contact kathryn.lee@apha.org.au

Health Literacy Stocktake: submissions close Friday 30 March 2012

In an effort to better understand existing initiatives and develop a consolidated picture of health literacy within Australia, the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) is undertaking a Health Literacy Stocktake. The ACSQHC is calling for information on health literacy projects, programs, research and initiatives at local, state or national level which focus on reducing barriers to health literacy. If you would like to learn more or provide a submission, please click here:

<http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/Health-Literacy-Stocktake>

ACHS Education: Upcoming Education Events April- May 2012

Australian Council on Healthcare Standards have some upcoming education events:

Friday 11 May 2012, Canberra: *'Health Care is a Risky Business: Effectively Managing Risks in Your Organisation'*:

Monday 23 April 2012, Sydney: *'Effective Clinical Handover'*

Thursday 10 May 2012, Sydney: *'Measurement in Healthcare: How to Maximise the Benefits of Clinical Indicators'*

All other details of upcoming education events are available at:

<http://www.achs.org.au/EduCalendarmonth/>

On the Radar - Issue 74

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 weeks edition includes:

Safety Culture: Building and Sustaining a Cultural Change in Aviation and Healthcare

A Successful and Sustainable Health System — How to Get There from Here

A qualitative study of stakeholder views of the conditions for and outcomes of successful clinical networks

Novel use of electronic whiteboard in the operating room increases surgical team compliance with pre-incision safety practices

On the Radar is available via email or as a PDF document from

http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/com-pubs_OnTheRadar-01U

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