



APHA Vital Signs

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

25th November 2012

Chemotherapy Update

Members will have notice a significant level of public activity in relation to the chemotherapy issue over the last week.

On Friday, APHA met with senior officers from the Department of Health and Ageing to discuss the issue and we will be meeting with Minister Plibersek this week.

As there is still no undertaking by the Government to address this issue before the key date of 1 December, hospitals should ensure they are fully informed of the impacts specific to their chemotherapy services and should be planning how they will manage this issue post 1 December.

Urgent Advice: Supply Constraint DBL™ Morphine Sulfate Injection BP 10mg/1mL

Hospira has this week issued a statement advising a potential supply constraint for DBL™ MORPHINE SULFATE INJECTION BP 10mg/1mL from the end of 2012. For medical enquiries in relation to this issue please contact Hospira's Medical Information Team 1300 046 774 – Option 2. For customer support inquiries including product availability and order related enquiries contact Hospira Customer Service 1300 046 774 – Option 1.

Banding Committee Meeting

The Banding Committee meeting has been deferred until 22nd November so it will be late next week before APHA members receive the update.

Projects to Better Connect Health and Aged Care

Applications have opened for Federal funding to support innovative projects that better connect Australia's aged care system with the health and hospitals systems. The funding is intended to enable aged care providers to work intensively with healthcare providers and medical insurers and to help older people get better access to complex health care, including palliative and psycho-geriatric care.

Information and invitation-to-apply documents for the innovation and multidisciplinary care projects are now available on the Tenders and Grants web page on the <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ageing-better-health-care-connections>

Applications for both programs close at 5 pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time on Friday 21 December 2012.

Accreditation of Specialist Medical Training Sites

Ms Jane Evans is undertaking a project to advise Medical Colleges and the Australian Health Minister's Advisory Committee on how to streamline accreditation of training sites. She is keen to talk to hospitals with direct experience in seeking accreditation from Specialist Medical

Colleges. Those interested please contact Mehrdad Khodai at Mehrdad.khodai@apha.org.au.

ACHS Award Winner

Congratulations to APHA member, St Vincent's Private Hospital in Sydney who took out one of the three Australian Council on Healthcare Standard's 15th Quality Improvement Awards last Thursday night.

The Campus Food and Nutrition services team won the award in the Healthcare Measurement category for their "Making food and nutrition care a priority" project.

The aim of their project was to provide optimal nutritional care and professional hospitality, as a critical component of the patient's total clinical care package; engendering a collaborative and co-ordinated approach to patient care.

Private Hospital Magazine – February 2013 Edition

APHA is looking for articles for the February 2013 Edition of Private Hospital Magazine and would love to hear from your hospital.

The theme of the February edition is Hospitals in the Digital Age. Here is your chance to feature and show off current events, services, new developments and projects. It is also a good opportunity to explain to the readership the valuable contribution that private hospitals are making to the health industry across the country. We are happy to highlight other things happening at your hospital, even if it doesn't fit the current theme.

Submissions for the magazine should be between 500-1000 words in length and should be accompanied by high resolution photographs. The deadline for submissions will be 10th December 2012.

Please email Lyndal Bailey at lyndal.bailey@apha.org.au with your ideas for articles.

On the Radar - Issue 106

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:

The Economics of Health Care: Quality and Medical Errors

Design and Use of Performance Measures to Decrease Low-Value Services and Achieve Cost-Conscious Care

"Team time-out" and surgical safety—experiences in 12,390 neurosurgical patients

Interventions for reducing wrong-site surgery and invasive procedures

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