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## **APHA Makes Submission on National Definitions for Elective Surgery Urgency Categories**

APHA has made a submission to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) in relation to the development of new national definitions for elective surgery urgency categories to be used in all Australian public hospitals. Under the National Health Reform Agreement and a request from Australian's Health Ministers, AIHW together with the Royal Australian College of Surgeons (RACS) are working to develop new national definitions for elective surgery urgency categories (including not ready for care) to be used in all Australian public hospitals.

In this submission, APHA has emphasised the need for a nationally consistent, reliable and standardised means of assigning priorities for particular procedures and patients. Furthermore, APHA has suggested the adoption of a unified and nationally consistent standard scoring system which has the potential to overcome some of the issues under current arrangements

To read the submission, go to <http://www.apha.org.au/advocacy/submissions/>

## **NPBS - Reclassification of 42738 from Type C to Type B - effective 21 April 2012**

Further to the 1 March National Procedure Banding Schedule (NPBS) update and subsequent amendment of 21 March which detailed the classification of the 2 new item numbers 42738 & 42739 (which at the time of the new numbers taking effect had not been classified by DoHA). The Department has issued an amendment which has the effect of reclassifying 42738 from a Type C to a Type B procedure, effective 21/4/2012. This means that both these new item numbers are Type B. For more information head to the members section of [www.apha.org.au](http://www.apha.org.au).

## **EDL Update and Circular - Effective 1 May 2012**

The NSW/QLD Exceptional Drug List Committee met in April to undertake its regular review of the list in the light of PBS amendments. Members requiring a copy of the EDL – Effective 1 May 2012 and accompanying circular should contact [andrea.versteegen@apha.org.au](mailto:andrea.versteegen@apha.org.au) at APHA.

## **Second Tier Renewal Reminder**

Please note that the Second Tier status of some private hospital facilities is due to expire on 30 June 2012. APHA recently sent a reminder email to those facilities that are members, the closing date for applications is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012. Those hospitals wishing to apply for continued eligibility need to submit an application to the Department of Health and Ageing. The details regarding the process and a proforma application can be downloaded from: <http://www.apha.org.au/advocacy/resources/sample-application-2012-updated/>

Should you require further information please contact Andrea Versteegen at APHA on [andrea.versteegen@apha.org.au](mailto:andrea.versteegen@apha.org.au) or 02 6273 9000.

## **PHAQ Conference Registration open**

Private Hospitals Association of Queensland (PHAQ) Conference Registration Program is now open for the **9th Innovative Practice in the Private Sector Conference & 5th Quality & Safety in Action Conference**.

The Conferences are being held from 18-19 June 2012 at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. The closing date for registrations is Friday 8 June 2012. To register go to: [www.phaq.org](http://www.phaq.org)

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