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‘Like’ your private hospital and win \$1000 Voucher for Apple products



APHA’s Valuing Private Hospital campaign fun Facebook Competition is now open for you and your staff to start sharing what you ‘like’ about your APHA member hospital. Just take a photo of something that you ‘like’ at your facility, make sure you include the Facebook ‘like’ thumb board that your hospital champion has been sent in your photo and upload it to our contest area on our Facebook page.

The competition will be open for photo submissions until Sunday 25 March on the “Australia’s Private Hospitals” campaign Facebook page [://www.facebook.com/#!/valuingprivatehospitals](http://www.facebook.com/#!/valuingprivatehospitals).

Please submit your photo by the 25th of March. Public voting for their favourite photo will open on 26 March to coincide with Private Hospitals Week and the winner will be announced on Friday afternoon of Private Hospitals Week (30 March). The winner will receive a \$1000 voucher to spend at the Apple store. Full terms & conditions can be found on our Facebook page.

Private health insurance premium increases at a four year low

The annual increase in private health insurance premiums will this year be the lowest in four years. Health Minister Tanya Plibersek said the average 5.06% premium increase was achieved after 24 of 34 health insurers were asked to resubmit their applications to provide further evidence to justify the increase requested.

Ms Plibersek said this year’s increase was lower than last year (5.56%), and lower than the rising amounts charged by doctors and hospitals in the last year. The private health insurance premium increase will take effect from 1 April 2012. Read more here:

[://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr12-tp-tp019.htm](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr12-tp-tp019.htm)

APHA Quarterly PHIAC Update – December 2011

The APHA Quarterly PHIAC Update – December 2011 is now available from the members section of the website, click here:

[://www.apha.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/APHA-Quarterly-PHIAC-Update-December-2011.pdf](http://www.apha.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/APHA-Quarterly-PHIAC-Update-December-2011.pdf)

PHI Circular 11/12 - Extension to Feedback from Stakeholders on the Prostheses List Advisory Committee (PLAC) Evidence Paper

PHI Circulars are now available via the following link:

[://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-phicirculars2012-index1](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-phicirculars2012-index1)

7th Annual Conference on Rapid Response Systems and Medical Emergency Teams

The 7th Annual Conference on Rapid Response Systems and Medical Emergency Teams is taking place May 7-9 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Registrations are now open, click here for more information:

[://rapidresponsesystems.org/register.htm](http://rapidresponsesystems.org/register.htm)

On the Radar Issue 69

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:

- *Informing the Future: Critical Issues in Health, Sixth Edition*
- *Optimisation of infection prevention and control in acute health care by use of behaviour change: a systematic review*
- *Patients' attitudes towards patient involvement in safety interventions: results of two exploratory studies*
- *Learning from near misses: from quick fixes to closing off the Swiss-cheese holes*

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

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

CRE-PS ACEM Scientific Meeting Friday 23rd March 2012

The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM), with the Centre of Research Excellence in Patient Safety (CRE-PS) is running an ACEM Scientific Meeting Friday 23rd March 2012.

For more details on the meeting and to download a program please go to:

[://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/seminars/2012seminars.html](http://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/seminars/2012seminars.html)