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### **APHA Office closed**

APHA secretariat will be closed from Friday 6th April for the Easter long weekend. It will reopen at 8.30am Tuesday 10th April. APHA wishes everyone a safe and happy Easter.

### **Invitation to apply for NBA-enabled telehealth programs**

Minister for Health Tanya Plibersek and Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Stephen Conroy announced an invitation to apply for funding for the NBN-Enabled Telehealth Pilots Program, which will provide up to \$20.6 million for innovative telehealth pilots over the next two years.

Applications are encouraged from all interested organisations, including those which specialise in the delivery of telehealth, aged care, cancer care or palliative care services.

To download the invitation to apply and for further information on the pilots program, click:  
<http://health.gov.au/ehealth-nbntelehealth>.

### **ACSQHC launches its new web site**

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has a new web site. You can also now subscribe to the newsletter, publications and events, media releases and *On the Radar* through the site. Just follow the 'subscribe' link at the bottom of the page. For more visit:  
[www.safetyandquality.gov.au](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au)

### **The evolving threat of antimicrobial resistance - Options for action**

A new book "The evolving threat of antimicrobial resistance - Options for action", was launched today by the World Health Organization. It showcases examples of actions taken to slow down drug resistance and preserve the ability of medicines to effectively treat many infectious diseases.

The steps taken by governments, health facilities and providers and others are examples of what had been recommended in the 2001 WHO Global Strategy for Containment of Antimicrobial Resistance.

More information on the book, a link to download it and details on how to order a copy can be found on WHO Patient Safety's web page: <http://www.who.int/patientsafety/en/>.

### **On the Radar - Issue 76**

*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:

- *Medical emergency team calls in the radiology department: patient characteristics and outcomes*
- *Refocusing quality measurement to best support quality improvement: local ownership of*

*quality measurement by clinicians*

- *Nature and timing of incidents intercepted by the SURPASS checklist in surgical patients*

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

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