



APHA Vital Signs

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MyHealthscope lauded in the Australian Business Awards 2012

Healthscope has taken out top honours in The Australian Business Awards 2012, winning both the Innovation and Community Contribution categories.

The awards specifically recognise Healthscope's achievements as the first Australian private healthcare provider to publish detailed quality performance data of its hospitals on the dedicated website www.myhealthscope.com.au. MyHealthscope features clinically significant information relating to Healthscope hospitals, including accreditation results, infection rates, hand hygiene, unplanned hospital readmissions and emergency department waiting times.

Survey: Clinical supervision in psychiatry

APHA has welcomed approaches from the RANZCP seeking to engage more effectively with the private sector with a view to expanding psychiatry training capacity. Hospitals providing mental health services are encouraged to respond to the RANZCP's invitation to participate in an online survey.

RANZCP would like to invite representatives from private healthcare organisations (WITH and WITHOUT psychiatry trainees) to complete a survey on expanding psychiatry training capacity in the private sector.

For more information please [CLICK HERE](#).

Victorian Elective Surgery Initiative

The Victorian 2012-13 State Budget has allocated one-off funding for elective surgery. \$9million will be allocated on a competitive basis to drive efficiencies and innovation in elective surgery to improve access and maximise the number of public patients treated. APHA has been invited to join an Industry Advisory Panel to advise Minister and Department on the design and evaluation of the program.

The Department wrote to hospitals and day surgeries this week inviting them to information sessions on Monday 6 August and Tuesday 7 August. For further information contact Lucy Cheetham, Director Policy and Research at lucy.cheetham@apha.org.au.

APHA Council 2012/2013 Elections

Members are advised that as this is an election year for APHA Council positions, APHA will shortly be commencing the election process by calling for nominations.

Following the successful trial of the online Council election in the "For profit small independent" electorate last year, APHA will utilise a web based tool to call for nominations and if required to hold ballots to fill all Council positions.

The process will commence on Monday 13 August 2012 when chief representatives of eligible members will receive an email inviting them to follow a link to nominate for a position on the APHA Council. Nominations will close on 27 August. If a ballot is required in any of the electorates the ballots will be issued electronically on 31 August.

Should a member like to confirm who is listed as the chief representative of their organisation or have any queries in relation to this please contact kathryn.lee@apha.org.au

Commission Publishes Draft Guides for Comment

The Australia Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is developing resources to assist health service organisations to implement the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards and has released drafts for comment of its proposed Safety and Quality Improvement Guides, Accreditation Workbooks and a Guide for Dental Practices

All resources are in draft form for comment and are available on the Commission's website: <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/accreditation/accreditation-newsroom/>

Feedback can be provided via online surveys on the Commission's website for by email to nsqhsstandards@safetyandquality.gov.au. APHA will also be providing a response to the Commission on these materials. If there are issues that you would like APHA to raise on your behalf, please contact Lucy Cheetham, Director Policy and Research by **15 August** at lucy.cheetham@apha.org.au.

Social media - bridging the gap for patient-doctor relationships

Many patients today trawl through the internet to get a diagnosis before talking with their doctor. Why do they prefer to do this and what can be done to bridge the gap? Can social media be harnessed in a way that can help foster open patient-doctor relationships?

This is the topic of a Twitter chat happening Monday 6 August at 10pm AEST/1pm UK time at #bmcmcd with Dr Farris Timimi (@FarrisTimimi) and Lee Aase (@LeeAase) of the Mayo Clinic's Center for Social Media.

APHA is a proud member of the Mayo Clinic's Social Media Network and would encourage health care professionals from across Australia to join in this Twitter Chat. For more information see: http://blogs.openaccesscentral.com/blogs/bmcblog/entry/social_media_in_healthcare_a

New Private Hospitals Inpatient Statistics collection - PHISCo - New South Wales Hospitals Only

The PHISCo Project is reaching the completion of the build phase and User Acceptance Testing is earmarked to commence in the coming weeks.

The updated data import format and list of validations rules for the new PHISCo application have been drafted and circulated to private hospitals licenced by NSW.

With the implementation of PHISCo, ISCOS will become redundant and will be decommissioned in the near future after which the mandatory provision of data will only be possible through the new PHISCo system.

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On the Radar - Issue 90

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:

Improving Care at the End of Life

BMJ Quality and Safety

Improving primary care in Australia through the Australian Primary Care Collaboratives Program:

a quality improvement report

Impact of a hospital-wide hand hygiene initiative on healthcare-associated infections: results of an interrupted time series

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