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APHA Summary Report & Initial Commentary – Activity Based Funding for public hospitals

The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) has appointed consultants Health Policy Solutions, in association with Casemix Consulting and Aspex Consulting, to develop a comprehensive Pricing Framework that will be used in the implementation of activity based funding (ABF) for Australian public hospitals from 1 July 2012.

This report is a brief summary of the Draft Pricing Framework paper. APHA is doing a detailed analysis of the Section that is of most potential relevance to our sector – that is, Section 8, “*Pricing private patients in public hospitals*”.

To read the report click here: <://www.apha.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2009/04/Summary-report-initial-commentary-Activity-Based-Funding-for-Australian-public-hospitals.pdf>.

Save the Date – Private Hospitals Week 2012 – 26-30 March 2012

Private Hospitals Week 2012 will be marked from **26-30 March 2012**. APHA is currently working on the details, preparing toolkits for Champions and developing materials for hospitals. Further details will come out during February, but mark your diaries now. If your hospital is not currently signed up to the Valuing Private Hospitals campaign and wants to celebrate Private Hospitals Week 2012, please contact Lisa Ramshaw at APHA on [.ramshaw@apha.org.au](mailto:ramshaw@apha.org.au).

PHI Circular 05/12 - Changes to the release date of the February 2012 Prostheses List

Due to the finalisation of HTA Review grouping schemes and group benefits the February 2012 Prostheses List will be released on 14 February 2012 with an effective date of 28 February 2012.

PHI Circulars are now available via the following link:

<://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-phicirculars2012-index1>

Call for Abstracts – 9th Innovative Practice in the Private Sector

Just a reminder that the closing date for abstract submissions for the 9th Innovative Practice in the Private Sector Conference and Awards is Monday 20th February 2012. A Call for Abstracts flyer, together with abstract submission guidelines for the 9th Innovative Practice in the Private Sector Conference to be held on Monday 18 June 2012 in Brisbane can be found at [.phaq.org](http://phaq.org).

In 2012, there will be four categories, with a prize of \$1,000 to each category winner. In addition, each of the category award winners will be eligible for the overall award which will carry a further \$4,000 prize to the winning hospital, judged by their peers.

The four categories are:

- Clinical Innovations
- Non-Clinical/Operational Innovations
- Innovations in Education & HR Management
- Innovations in Marketing and/or Community Awareness

PHAQ gratefully acknowledges the support of our major sponsor HESTA Super Fund for generously providing the prizes.

Innovative practice need not necessarily involve major projects – practical solutions to common problems will also be considered for presentation, however there will be a focus on demonstrated outcomes. Small Hospitals, Day Hospitals and hospitals from interstate, are encouraged to submit.

Expression of Interest to participate in NIMC VTE Pilot Phase 2

The invitation for expressions of interest for hospitals to participate in phase 2 of the NIMC VTE pilot is now available from the ACSQHC website. The pilot will run from March until November 2012 and the closing date for expressions of interest is 29 February 2012. For more information: [://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/NIMC_006_NationalAudit](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/NIMC_006_NationalAudit)

Nursing and Midwifery Information Portal

Health Workforce Australia (HWA) has been working in partnership with stakeholders to support 2011 nursing and midwifery graduates across Australia to find employment. HWA are seeking your support and assistance to ensure the Nursing and Midwifery Informational Portal website provides employer links for new Nursing and Midwifery Graduates to view positions that are appropriate.

The benefits of this website to employers include:

- Graduate recruitment processes
- Current vacancies suitable for graduates
- Graduate support program
- Brand as an employer of choice

Please email [.Austin@hwa.gov.au](mailto:Austin@hwa.gov.au) for more information.

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:

- *First steps towards quality improvement: A simple guide to improving services*
- *Could quality be cheaper? How quality improvements helped to reduce costs for three local services*
- *A conceptual framework identifying sources of risk to patient safety in primary care*
- *A systematic review to evaluate the accuracy of electronic adverse drug event detection*

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

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