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### **Australian Hospital Statistics 2010-11 Reports**

Reports are now available from the AHIW website. This report provides an overview of Australian's public and private hospitals. Accordingly, APHA has updated its Fact sheet about Australian Private Hospitals based on new data from the report. To access APHA's updated Fact sheet about Australian Private Hospitals go to:

<http://www.apha.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2009/04/The-Facts-about-Australian-Private-Hospitals-updated-May-2012.pdf>

### **PHI Circular 29/12 - Round 15 (2010-11) and Round 16 (2011-12) National Hospital Cost Data Collection (NHCDC) for Private and Private Day Hospital Facilities**

Following the 11 April 2012 meeting between Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) and Peak Private Bodies, Private Hospital Representatives and Private Health Consultants, the Department of Health and Aging has issued a circular containing some information regarding Round 15 and Round 16 of the National Hospital Cost Data Collection (NHCDC) for Private and Private Day Hospital Facilities. In short, the circular states that considering the timing of data collection, data output and production, the NHCDC Cost Report for Round 15 would fall outside a reasonable time frame. Therefore the Cost Report for Round 15 of the NHCDC for Private and Private Day Hospital Facilities will not be produced. Discussions are ongoing to confirm how the Cost Report for Round 16 and future Rounds of the NHCDC for Private and Private Day Hospital Facilities will be addressed.

The IHPA further encourages all Private and Private Day Hospital Facilities to constructively consider how they can best proceed in regards to Round 16 and ongoing Rounds to ensure that Facilities expectations are met. The IHPA is setting up a contact telephone number to take your suggestions and enquiries in the near future and will release the number when the telephone line is available.

PHI Circulars are available via the following link:

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

### **Public Consultation Notice re Draft Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of Lung Cancer**

Cancer Council Australia has been commissioned by Cancer Australia to develop the **Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of Lung Cancer**. The draft Guidelines have been prepared by the Lung Cancer Working Party convened by Cancer Council Australia. This is an invitation to you or your organisation to comment on the draft Guidelines.

The Guidelines address the revision of the treatment sections: Management of Non-small cell lung Cancer and Management of Small cell lung cancer, of the *Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention, Diagnosis, and Management of Lung Cancer 2004*.

The draft Guidelines are currently available for public comment on the Cancer Council Australia Cancer Guidelines Wiki platform at: [http://wiki.cancer.org.au/australia/Guidelines:Lung\\_cancer](http://wiki.cancer.org.au/australia/Guidelines:Lung_cancer)  
Information regarding this public consultation can be found at this link:  
[http://wiki.cancer.org.au/australia/Guidelines:Lung\\_cancer/Public\\_consultation](http://wiki.cancer.org.au/australia/Guidelines:Lung_cancer/Public_consultation).  
Cancer Council Australia would welcome your comments by **31 May, 2012**.

### **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.

### **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)