



APHA Vital Signs

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APHA Congress 2013 – Registration Open & Site Visits Announced

The APHA National Congress will be held 3-5 March 2012 at the Crown Conference Centre in Melbourne. Register today to ensure you receive the Earlybird Registration rate. The National Congress will be the first major healthcare conference of 2013 and one not to be missed! This year, APHA has also organised an optional day of site visits of some of Melbourne's top private hospitals. The site visit program will be held all day on Sunday 3 March and will take in Epworth Richmond, The Avenue Private Hospital and Epworth Eastern. For more information on the Congress, to register or to see the site visit program, please see www.aphacongress.com.au

Consultation: Change to the format of Prostheses Billing Codes (PHI Circular 83/12)

The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking feedback on its proposal to change billing codes for the Prostheses List from two alpha characters and three numerical characters (AA123), to three alpha characters and five numerical characters (AAA12345). This will allow sponsors to have one unique alpha code for all listed products. The proposed change is scheduled to take effect for the production of the August 2013 Prostheses List. The Department acknowledges that this proposed change will require significant system changes for stakeholders and welcomes feedback on the proposed timeframe. Contact: prostheses@health.gov.au or call the Prostheses Hotline on (02) 6289 9463.

Hospira alert regarding supplies

Hospira, in consultation with the TGA, has voluntarily placed a large proportion of inventory on reserve due to a delay in delivery of stock by their European supplier. Product has been placed on reserve at Hospira to prevent possible shortages and customer inequity. Customers can continue to purchase stock from nominated wholesalers at this time. For further information contact Hospira on 1300 046 774 and select option 1.

Products on Reserve Product Code	Product Description
618195BAU	DBL™ Morphine Sulf Inj 30mg/1mL
618191BAU	DBL™ Morphine Sulf Inj 10mg/1mL
618193BAU	DBL™ Morphine Sulf Inj 15mg/1mL
618190BAU	DBL™ Morphine Sulf Inj 5mg/1mL
618954BAU	DBL™ Papaverine HCL inj 120mg/30mL
618380BAU	DBL™ Ergometrine Inj 500mcg/1mL
618335E00	NEO-B12® (Hydroxocobalamin) Inj 1mg/1mL
618876DAU	DBL™ Potassium Dihydro Phos 1.361g/10mL
618832BAU	DBL™ Promethazine HCL Inj 50mg/2mL

618845BAU

DBL™ Glyceryl Trinitrate
Concentrate Inj

618530BAU

DBL™ Fentanyl Inj 100mcg/2mL

Highly Specialised Drug Program changes effective from 1 December 2012 and 1 January 2013

Below are the annual increases to the patient co-payment amounts for 2013, effective 1 January 2013.

From 1 January 2013:

- the general patient co-payment will be \$36.10
- the concessional patient co-payment will be \$5.90
- the general patient safety net threshold will be \$1,390.60
- the concessional patient safety net threshold will be \$354.00

The maximum quantity for Clozapine has increased from 100 to 200 with effect from 1 December 2012

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

The NSQHS Standards Monitoring Tool for Hospitals is now available in both Excel 2003 and Excel 2007 version on the Commission's website at: <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/accreditation/accreditation-newsroom/>

This is Version 1 of the monitoring tool. ACSQHC welcome your comments and suggestions for improvement of the tool via email at accreditation@safetyandquality.gov.au. A review of comments on the tool will occur in June 2013.

Children's Medicine Dosing Resources Fact Sheet

The Department of Health and Ageing is coordinating the development of a new national paediatric medicines dosing resource.

The project, an initiative of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC), involves the development and ongoing publication of a national paediatric dosing resource containing the most commonly used medicines in Australia for children and young people from birth to 18 years of age. It will provide an essential reference with specific Australian information, fulfilling a need which has been identified by paediatricians, general practitioners and healthcare facilities.

This paediatric dosing resources will be available for sale from mid-2013.

For enquiries, please contact: Gary Adams, Assistant Director, National Medicines Policy Development Section on (02) 6289 7027.

On the Radar - Issue 108

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:

Developing mental health-care quality indicators: toward a common framework

Integration of patient safety systems in a suburban hospital

Implementation of a quality care management system for patients with arthritis of the hip and knee

Encouraging participation in health system reform: is clinical engagement a useful concept for policy and management?

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

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