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News and updates: Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care

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National Inpatient Medication Chart (NIMC)

Versions of the NIMC have been updated to include a pre-printed VTE prophylaxis section as agreed at the ACSQHC's Private Hospital Sector Committee meeting of 18 April 2013, and are all now available for implementation by health services.

The ACSQHC has also taken the opportunity to update and standardise the charts more thoroughly. This will ensure that all support materials, including the NIMC online training module, relate more accurately to the various NIMCs including the private hospital versions.

In addition, new private hospital versions of the NIMC (paediatric) and NIMC (paediatric long-stay) are available for the first time. This means that all NIMCs are available in private hospital versions except for the NIMC (clozapine titration). We will continue testing the need for a private hospital version of that chart.

All NIMCs, including private hospital versions, are available on the Commission's website at <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/medication-safety/medication-chart/>.

Advisories

Four advisories have recently been approved and are now available on the Commission's website.

1. Advisory A13/01: Notification of Significant Risk in the Private Sector
2. Advisory A13/02: Interim Accreditation of New Health Services
3. Advisory A13/03: Assessment of Developmental Actions in the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards
4. Advisory A13/05: Assessment of training

requirements for Credentialed Medical and Other Clinical Practitioners and Visiting Medical Officers

These advisories can be found using the following links:

- **Accreditation Newsroom**
(<http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/accreditation/accreditation-newsroom/>)
- **Information for Accrediting Agencies**
(<http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/accreditation/information-for-accrediting-agencies-and-surveyors/>).

NSQHS Standard 9 Transition Arrangement – Risk Analysis Requirements

Further to the advice regarding the transitional arrangements for Action 9.6.1 (Training in basic life support) that will apply until 31 December 2015, a sample risk analysis for training needs for basic life support is now available on the Commission's website (Accreditation Newsroom) and may be accessed through this link: <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications/sample-risk-analysis-training-needs-for-basic-life-support/>.

Harmonising state and territory licensing with the NSQHS Standards

The ACSQHC has engaged PwC to undertake an analysis of state and territory hospital licensing arrangements and regulatory frameworks. The ACSQHC is seeking support to work with states and territories on harmonising private health facilities' licensing arrangements to reflect the implementation of the NSQHS Standards.

The analysis conducted by PwC aims to:

- Compare and contrast the legislative and



regulatory frameworks and policies regarding private hospital legislation throughout Australia

- Provide recommendations regarding opportunities to harmonise arrangements to minimize the administrative burdens on jurisdictions and private hospitals in light of the implementation of the NSQHS standards

The first stage involved a desktop review of the acts and regulations in each state/territory to develop an understanding of the requirements for registration of private hospitals in all states and territories and the potential overlap with the ACSQHC NSQHS Standards.

PwC has undertaken a number of meetings with hospital representatives and the APHA as part of the consultation process. The aim of this consultation is to explore with jurisdictions the potential to reduce the regulatory burden for private hospital providers, provide consistency of coverage and harmonise the definitions incorporated into licensing and registration for private hospital providers in Australia.

I welcome your feedback on any matters relating to quality and safety and the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. [PH](#)