Thinking about life after work?

Many people approaching retirement age are interested in accessing their super before retirement to either top up their super balance or reduce their working hours. This strategy is called transition to retirement (TTR).

If you’ve reached ‘preservation age’ (age 55 if you were born before 1 July 1960) and have money in a super account, you can transfer part, or all, of your super into a TTR income stream. This is subject to legislative requirements and fund rules. Your maximum yearly drawdown is 10% of your balance. The money is also non commutable, which means lump sums cannot be withdrawn until you fully retire or reach age 65.

Income received from an income stream is concessionally taxed. This means, if you’re under 60, income is taxed at the marginal rate with a 15% tax offset. After age 60, the income is tax free! There is also no tax paid on the investment earnings. This means you could have more cash available to either reduce your working hours by supplementing your income, or increase your super savings through salary sacrifice.

To find out more about how we can help you transition to retirement, attend the next HESTA presentation at your workplace, visit hesta.com.au for a copy of our Super strategies in your 50s and 60s fact sheet and the HESTA Income Stream Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) or call 1800 813 327 to arrange a consultation with a HESTA Superannuation Adviser.

With more than 25 years of experience and $28 billion in assets, more people in health and community services choose HESTA for their super.

Proven efficiency gains with ProcedurePak® custom procedure packs

Custom procedure packs include all single-use medical devices needed for a specific surgical procedure. The level of customisation available creates efficiencies in a lot of ways.

The results from a multi-centre study conducted in five hospitals in Europe suggest substantial efficiency gains, attributable to ProcedurePak1.

In one of the hospitals, 11 packs for different procedures were used for a total of 2,785 interventions per year. The freed-up resources from time and cost savings and process optimisation enabled 500 more interventions to be performed than the year before, an increase of 18%.

In another hospital, the number of procedures increased by 37.5%, from 40 to 55 per day.

These results were the combined effect of time savings, changes in processes, and working in two parallel operating theatres, enabled by ProcedurePak custom procedure packs from Mölnlycke Health Care.

For more information call 1800 005 231 or visit www.molnlycke.com.au
Cost-effective Infection Prevention

Rubbermaid Commercial Products introduces industry’s first disposable microfibre

Described as an industry first, Rubbermaid Commercial Products (RCP) has introduced the Rubbermaid HYGEN Disposable Microfibre System for efficient cleaning and infection prevention in the healthcare environment.

The Rubbermaid HYGEN Disposable Microfibre System is designed and proven by third-party testing to remove 99.9% of microbes, which includes C. diff, a bacteria that can cause potentially life-threatening infections. The Rubbermaid HYGEN Disposable Microfibre System also features built-in scrubbers that enable complete dirt removal without smearing.

“With healthcare-associated infections resulting in the loss of thousands of lives and costing billions, microbe removal is crucial,” said Matthew Francis, marketing manager for Rubbermaid Commercial Products. “What people don’t realise is that even if microbes are killed by chemicals, they remain on surfaces and become food for live pathogens. We’re excited to debut a solution that changes the cleaning game by removing these microbes to facilitate infection prevention and ensure patient safety without the use of chemicals.”

The first product to deliver the cleaning power and efficacy of microfibre at a disposable price point, the Rubbermaid HYGEN Disposable Microfibre System enables cleaning staff to do more with less to improve productivity. The disposable microfibre mop can be used wet or dry and is compatible with Rubbermaid Pulse or Rubbermaid HYGEN Charging Bucket. Application areas include occupied and discharge patient rooms; emergency and isolation rooms; intensive care units; nurses’ stations, X-ray stations and MRI stations; and other public areas.

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