

ACSQHC and Health Ministers' Decisions: 2011

INITIATIVE	DECISION	MOVING FORWARD
<p>Safety in e-Health (Nov 2011)</p>	<p>Noted the <i>Electronic Medication Management Systems: A Guide to Safe Implementation (the Guide)</i> for use in Australian Hospitals and an accompanying Implementation Planning Template; and the Electronic Discharge Summary systems Self Evaluation Toolkit (<i>the Toolkit</i>) and Evaluation Report.</p> <p>Noted that <i>the Guide</i> and <i>the Toolkit</i> were developed in collaboration with the National eHealth Transition Authority, were based on extensive workplace research and stakeholder consultation, and reflect Australian lead implementation experience.</p> <p>Noted the recommendation the use of both <i>The Guide</i> and <i>The Toolkit</i> by Australian hospitals when implementing electronic medication management systems and / or electronic discharge summary systems to improve safety and quality of health care (with potential broader adaptation and application to other health services, as well as residential aged care facilities).</p> <p>Agreed to encourage reference to <i>the Guide</i> and <i>the Toolkit</i> and other best practice guidance in the implementation of electronic medication management systems and electronic discharge systems.</p>	<p>The safety in e-health program, in conjunction with NEHTA and the National Health CIO Forum, will continue to emphasis e-medication management, HAI surveillance and the safe implementation of electronic discharge summaries.</p> <p><i>Electronic Medication Management Systems: A Guide to Safe Implementation</i> is being validated and reviewed and a second edition will be available for Australian hospitals in February 2012.</p>
<p>Update on Core, Hospital Based Outcome Indicators (Nov 2011)</p>	<p>Noted the progress report on core, hospital-based outcome indicators</p> <p>Agreed that the Commission should work with the National Health Performance Authority, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and the National eHealth and Information Principal Committee of AHMAC to advance the appropriate use of these indicators in the context of national health reforms, noting some concerns over the indicator "In-hospital mortality rate for heart failure".</p>	<p>Work to continue with the National Health Performance Authority, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and the National eHealth and Information Principal Committee of AHMAC to advance the appropriate use of these indicators.</p>

<p>Hand Hygiene Update (Nov 2011)</p>	<p>Noted the update on progress of the national approach to the monitoring of hand hygiene</p>	<p>A national approach to the monitoring of hand hygiene standards is occurring.</p> <p>Information on The National Hand Hygiene Initiative is available at www.hha.org.au/. Program information is available at www.safetyandquality.gov.au</p>
<p>Patient-Centred Care Discussion Paper (Aug 2011)</p>	<p>Noted the final version of the <i>Patient-Centred Care: Improving quality and safety through partnerships with patients and consumers</i> discussion paper.</p>	<p>The paper is being distributed and is being used, in conjunction with consultation findings, as a basis for future activity under the Consumer Centred Care program.</p>
<p>Antimicrobial Stewardship (Aug 2011)</p>	<p>Noted the publication Antimicrobial Stewardship in Australian Hospitals.</p> <p>Noted that implementation strategies for ensuring uptake by healthcare workers have been identified.</p>	<p>Identification of strategies for the development of a national antimicrobial stewardship program that provides timely data, information activities and the development of a national system will occur in 2012.</p>
<p>National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (AHMAC May 2011)</p>	<p>Noted the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards that have been developed for use in an Australian Health Service Safety Accreditation (AHSSA) Scheme.</p> <p>Endorsed in principle the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards.</p> <p>Noted that a comprehensive AHSSQA scheme for the application of the NSQHSS standards is to be developed.</p> <p>Ministers were advised that there is a significant body of work being done to address the regulatory framework for an AHSSA Scheme</p>	<p>During the transitional phase, the Commission will work with health services as they progressively start to implement the NSQHS Standards.</p> <p>It is anticipated that full implementation of the NSQHS Standards will commence from 1 January 2013.</p> <p>The Commission is developing guides and tools to support health services implement the NSQHS Standards.</p>