ACSQHC and Health Ministers' Decisions : 2008

INITIATIVE	DECISION	MOVING FORWARD
Open Disclosure (April 2008)	Work towards the implementation of the National Open Disclosure Standard in all health care facilities ACSQHC to support implementation	Open Disclosure Standard is available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Programs > Open Disclosure Ongoing Commission work: - 100 patient stories - Legal clear path Report to AHMC required
Accreditation of Healthcare Facilities (April 2008)	Endorsed the recommendations for implementation of reforms to safety and quality accreditation ACSQHC to develop Phase 1 model	Final Report on the Review of National Safety and Quality Accreditation Standards Feb 2008 is available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Programs > Accreditation Research underway on: - Short notice surveys - Patient journey - Surveyor participation Development of preliminary Australian Healthcare Standards initially in: - Healthcare Associated Infection - Patient Identification - Medication Safety - Clinical Handover National coordination of accreditation Mapping of regulation to mandate Australian Health Standards and the expansion of accreditation to high risk areas
National Patient Wristband Standard (July 2008)	Implementation of the National Patient Wristband Standard across Australia	The Standard is available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Programs > Patient Identification
Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights (July 2008)	The Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights and its use to be the pre-eminent healthcare charter for Australia Implementation in all healthcare settings	The Charter is available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Programs > Australian Chart of Healthcare Rights ACSQHC to facilitate working party to coordinate implementation

Paediatric National Inpatient Medication Chart (NIMC) (Dec 2008)	Implement for all children in all Australian hospitals	Paediatric NIMC, implementation, education and auditing resources available on the ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Quick Links > National Inpatient Medication Chart
Standardised terminology, abbreviations and symbols for use in hospital prescribing (Dec 2008)	To be adopted Australia-wide	'*National terminology, abbreviations and symbols to be used in the prescribing and administering of medicines in Australian hospitals'* document is available on the ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Programs > Medication Safety
Healthcare Associated Infection (Dec 2008)	a) Healthcare Associated Infection surveillance in all hospitals b) Monitoring and reporting of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteraemia to jurisdictions and nationally c) Monitoring and reporting of *Clostridium difficile* to jurisdictions and nationally	Surveillance document *'Reducing harm to patients from healthcare associated infection: the role of surveillance'* is available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Programs > Healthcare Associated Infection Report to AHMC required
Healthcare Associated Infection – National Hand Hygiene Launch (Dec 2008)	National approach to the monitoring of hand hygiene standards	Details on Hand Hygiene Australia are available on the Hand Hygiene Australia website: http://www.hha.org.au/

Major ACSQHC Initiatives : 2009/10

INITIATIVE	CURRENTLY AVAILABLE MATERIAL
Healthcare Associated Infection – Infection Control Guidelines Update	Infection Control Guidelines are available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Programs > Healthcare Associated Infection
Healthcare Associated Infection – Report/update on the *Staph aureus* bacteraemia and *Clostridium difficile* surveillance	Surveillance document *'Reducing harm to patients from healthcare associated infection: the role of surveillance'* is available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Programs > Healthcare Associated Infection
Healthcare Associated Infection – Recommendations for further measures for reporting (staged and costed)	Surveillance document *'Reducing harm to patients from healthcare associated infection: the role of surveillance'* is available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Programs > Healthcare Associated Infection
Healthcare Associated Infection – Recommendation for a national antimicrobial use and resistance surveillance program	Surveillance document *'Reducing harm to patients from healthcare associated infection: the role of surveillance'* is available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Programs > Healthcare Associated Infection
The "OSSIE" guide to Clinical Handover	As a part of the National Clinical Handover Initiative, a guide to clinical handover is being developed to assist with the implementation of solutions and tools for improving clinical handover. For further details on the Initiative visit the Handover page on the ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Clinical Handover
Recommendations for implementation of the alternative model for safety and quality accreditation of healthcare organisations	*Piloting short notice surveys, Piloting patient journey methodology, Review of participation of surveyor in safety and quality accreditation* and *Mapping of legislation and regulation* are available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Programs > Accreditation
Credentialling – development of a principles based peer-review standard for use by practitioners in peer-review processes	N/A
Recommendations for a national safety and quality indicator set	N/A
Recommendations for use of existing data sets to support safety and quality	N/A

Recommendations for a recall / register system for implanted medical devices	The Commission is co-ordinating work examining a national recall system for high-risk implanted medical devices
Patient Identification – advice on which existing barcode standards should be used for patient identification	Report on technological solutions to patient misidentification is available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Programs > Patient Identification
Australian Clinical Quality Registries	Draft Operating *Principles and Technical Standards for Australian Clinical Quality Registries* are available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Programs > Information Strategy
Report on the effectiveness of implementation of the Open Disclosure Standard	Open Disclosure Standard available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Programs > Open Disclosure
Falls Prevention Guidelines 2009	Current Falls Guidelines are available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Quick Links > Falls Guidelines
National recommendations for labelling parenteral medicines, lines and fluids	The existing NSW labelling recommendations, upon which the Commission work will be based, are available on the ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Quick Links > National Inpatient Medication Chart
National Strategic Framework for Improving the Safety and Quality of Health Care	N/A

Other relevant ACSQHC work

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Literature review: Medication safety in acute care in Australia	The Literature review is available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Medication Safety
National Safety and Quality Report 2009	The 2008 Report: Windows into Safety and Quality in Health Care 2008 is available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Commission Publications
Survey of primary care physicians in conjunction with the Commonwealth Fund	N/A
Literature Review on Clinical Handover	A literature review that examines the evidence for effectiveness of improvement interventions in clinical handover is available on ACSQHC website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au > Clinical Handover