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Topic	Date
Understanding Business Continuity Planning and links with national standards	19 th June 10:30am EST
Demystifying Standard 5: Comprehensive Care	26 th June 10:30am EST

AAQHC Non-member rate \$25.00

"We now accept the fact that learning is a lifelong process of keeping abreast of change".

~Peter Drucker

A popular resource gets a makeover

The Blood Book: Australian Blood Administration Handbook replaces the much-loved Flippin' Blood and has all you need to help with safe bedside transfusion practice.

Launched on International Nurses Day, Tuesday 12 May, the Blood Book is a clinical go-to resource for nurses, but is also used extensively in labs as an addition to the Blood Component Information (BCI) booklet.

You can download a copy [here](#) or to enquire about ordering a hard copy, send an email to BloodBook@redcrossblood.org.au.

Commission Advice - Safe care for people with cognitive impairment during COVID-19

During COVID-19, people with cognitive impairment may find hospital even more frightening than usual. At this time, clinicians and visitors are using personal protective equipment (PPE) and as we know, there may be restrictions on family and carers who are usually there to support them.

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has developed [new resources](#) to support health service organisations to provide safe care for people with cognitive impairment during COVID-19.

The resources include a [fact sheet](#) for clinicians and a [poster](#) which provide an important reminder of key actions in the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards that remain crucial at this time.

These key actions include:

- Goals of care discussions with the patient, support person or, if required, the substitute decision maker;
- The involvement of carers;
- Delirium prevention strategies; and
- The use of antipsychotics only as a last resort.

To reduce the risk of harm, it is important that clinicians continue to use the strategies of their hospital or health service organisation to keep people with cognitive impairment safe.

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