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*To Directors of Medical Services - hospitals*

Dear Sir / Madam,

## **Re: Important Changes to Medical Gas Cylinders**

The Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ) has recently been informed that the Australia New Zealand Industrial Gas Association (ANZIGA) is coordinating a change-over program for **medical oxygen valve outlets** and a **cylinder colour change for all medical gases** across Australia as required by Australian Standards AS 2473.3 & AS 4484.

ANZIGA have advised us that:

- (a) The timing of this change-over program will vary for each State and we have been informed it will be as listed below:

Northern Territory	September 2009
South Australia	February 2010
Western Australia	May 2010
Queensland	August 2010
New South Wales	February 2011
ACT	February 2011
Victoria	June 2011
Tasmania	June 2011

- (b) Prior to the change-over program, medical oxygen cylinders which already have a pin indexed valve outlet will be changed to the new prescribed colour scheme; and after the change over dates, medical oxygen cylinders will not be supplied with a threaded outlet connection.

My purpose in writing at this time is to ask if you are aware of these changes, and if so, whether the cost of the changes has been factored into the health budget for your hospital?

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours Sincerely,

Prof Phil Thompson  
President