

Engaging the Private Hospital Sector

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There are 561 private hospitals in Australia, and last year they:

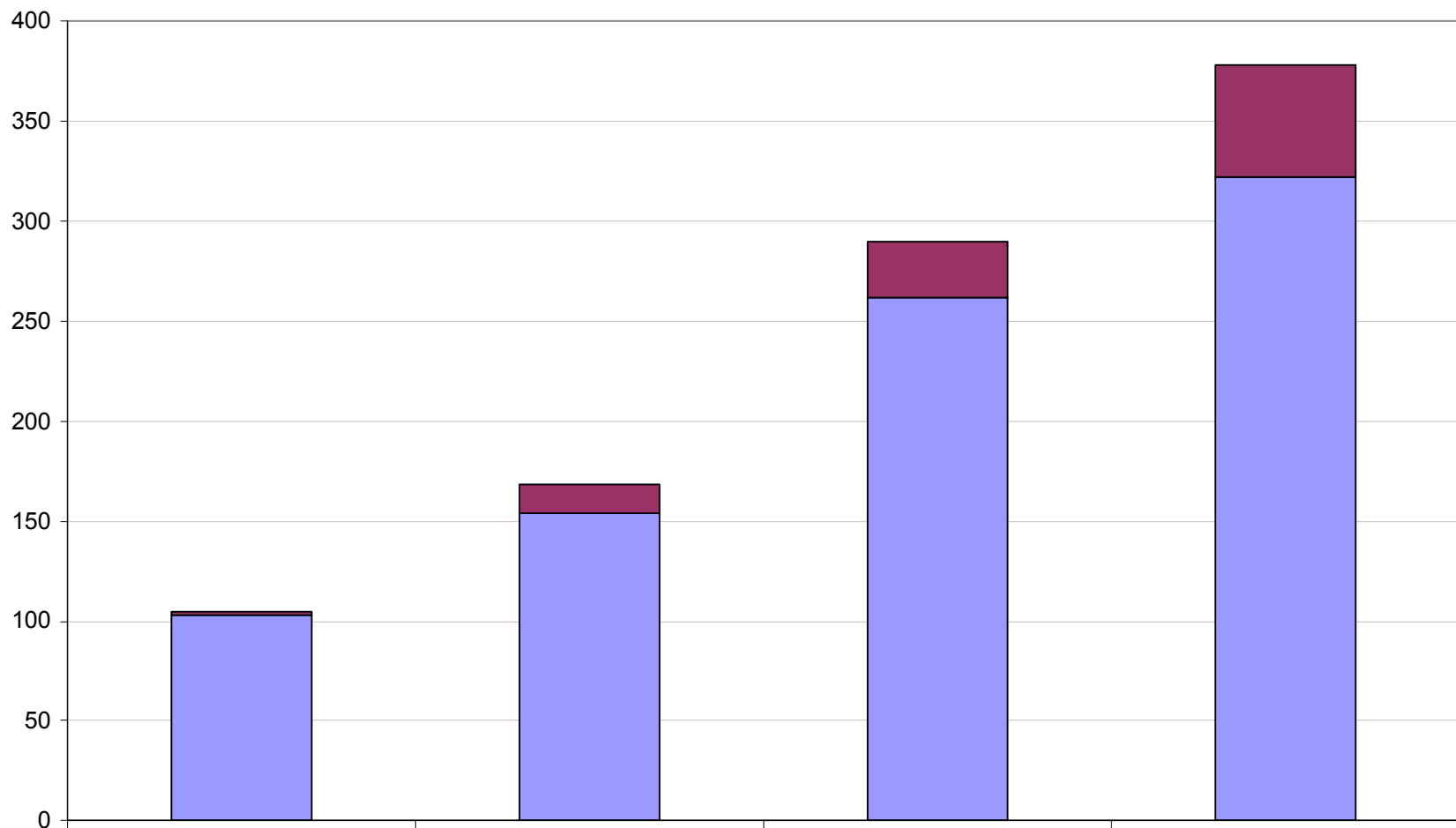
- Treated 40% of all hospital patients (3.3 million patients)
- Performed 64% of all elective surgery (1.2 million separations)
- Provided 33% of all hospital beds (27,466 beds)



Private Sector Participation in NHFI

- 153 Private Facilities have at least one Gold Standard validated auditors
- 259 validated Gold Standard Auditors
- 56 Private Facilities submitted data in the March 2010 period

Number of participating hospitals



| | Period 1 2009 | Period 2 2009 | Period 3 2009 | Period 1 2010 |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Number of Private sites | 2 | 14 | 28 | 56 |
| Number of Public sites | 103 | 154 | 262 | 322 |

Not the “9th Jurisdiction”

- APHA, CHA and ADHA are member based associations
- We are not a Jurisdictional Health Department.
- Very diverse structure and ownership of private hospitals
- For profit, not-for profit, large groups, large independents, small day hospitals

Challenges For the Private Sector

- Health Minister's decisions are not mandated
- No private sector Health Department structure
- Medical Practitioners are not usually employed so engagement issues can be more complex
- Compliance with the NHHI not viewed as a significant issue

Challenges For the Private Sector

- Revenue is provided on a “fee for service” model
- No separate funding stream for quality initiatives

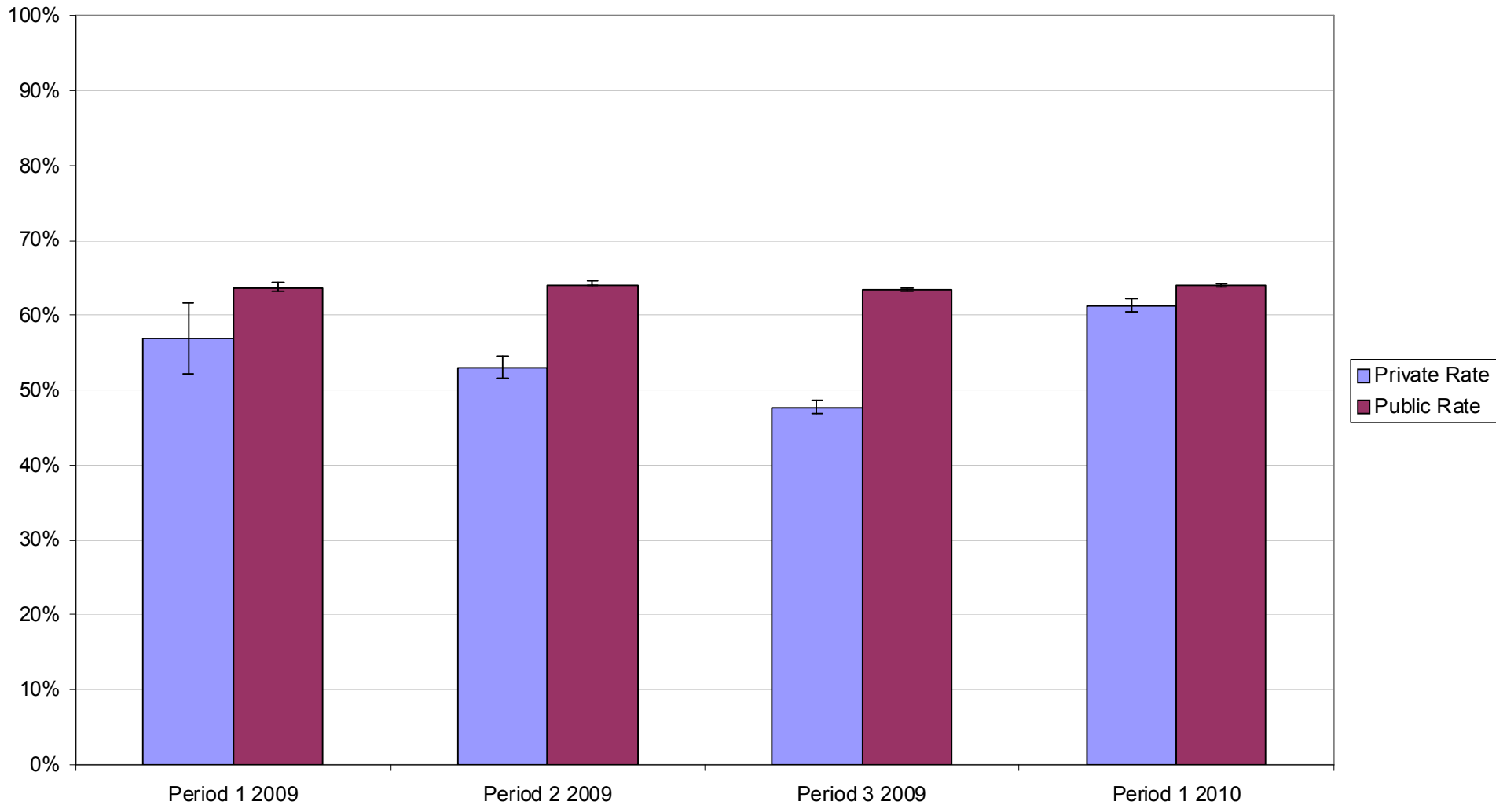
Overcoming the Challenges

- Safety and quality issues taken seriously
- Keen to adopt ACSQHC Initiatives even though they are not mandated
- ACSQHC engages with the Sector through it's Private Hospital Sector Committee (PHSC)
- APHA has adopted a strategic focus to provide to promote the ACSQHC agenda throughout its membership

Overcoming the Challenges

- HHA has provided concentrated efforts to engage the Private Hospital Sector
 - Private hospital representation on various working groups and committees
 - HHA Private Project Coordinators
- Focus of improving Hand Hygiene compliance to prevent infections rather than reduce rates

Comparison of hand hygiene compliance data

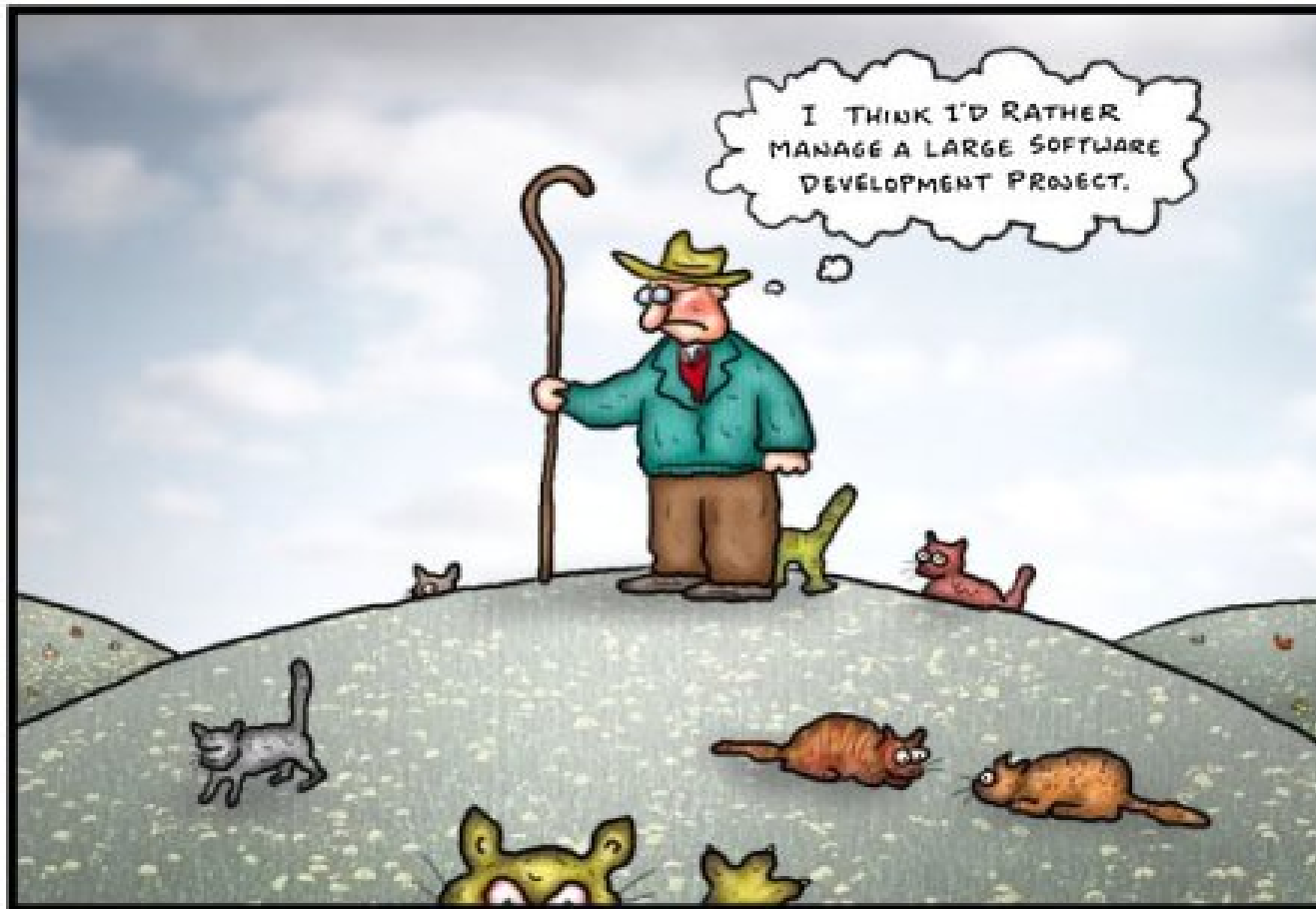


Benefits of NHHI in the Private Sector

- Dedicated resources for the Private Sector
 - HHA have two (2) “Private” Project Coordinators
 - Tools, information and data targeted to the Private Sector
- Feedback to the sector on the data submitted



Experience to date in one concise slide!



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