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Review of the NSQHS Standards  
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care  
GPO Box 5480  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

**Re: Review of the NSQHS Standards**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Review of the NSQHS Standards. We have provided feedback below for your consideration.

The Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA) endorses the standards and believes that the format is logical and well set out, language is easy to understand, actions are clear and terminology reflects members' healthcare settings. We particularly welcome the expanded clinical handover standard and note that the labels for the standards are more relevant, descriptive and intuitive.

The implementation of the standards, if not already largely in place, would require few additional resources particularly in larger health provider settings. Less well resourced, or smaller providers, may have difficulty achieving these standards and developing required evidence without further guidance and support.

We welcome efforts to encourage, support and enable improvements in safe and quality healthcare, and look forward to the Standards' wide acceptance and implementation.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss this submission further, please contact Richard Attwood, Senior Policy Advisor, [richard.attwood@physiotherapy.asn.au](mailto:richard.attwood@physiotherapy.asn.au) (03 9092 0840)

Yours faithfully,



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