

# HEALTH LEADERSHIP: ODDS-ON FAVOURITE

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## An international field: peak healthcare congress lines up world's high achievers

The world's foremost pioneers, thinkers and commentators on healthcare and leadership matters are set to gather and help shape the future direction of health at this year's peak Australasian healthcare gathering, the Joint ACHSM/ACHS Asia-Pacific Congress.

Held from 28 to 30 October at the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins, the congress will collate insight from thought leaders in health management, such as:

- Professor **Chris Ham** CBE (CEO King's Fund)
- Prof **Fiona Wood**, world-leading plastic surgery pioneer
- Dr **Eric de Roodenbeke** (Director General of the International Hospital Federation)
- Assoc Prof **Munjed Al Muderis** (Sydney osseointegration surgeon and author of *Walking Free*)
- Mr **Christopher Rex** (CEO of one of Australia's largest private healthcare companies, Ramsay Health)
- Ms **Diane Smith-Gander**, Chairman of Transfield Services
- and many more.

The chosen theme this year is 'Health leadership: odds-on favourite', to reflect the sore need for clear direction and bold decisions in health to allow healthcare managers and executives to lead and empower their teams in the face of resource constraints.

In a clear sign of the sector's craving for strong leadership, most of the event's early bird registrations have already been purchased, with only about 30 of 200 left.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM), Catherine Chaffey, attributed the rousing interest to the strong yearning for steadfast direction and action and urged health managers to join in the conversation.

'Unless we ensure the right conversations focusing on relevant areas of concern are taking place, the health sector runs the risk of being mired by slow or no action, resulting in poor service delivery to those who need it – patients.'

The Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS), Dr Christine Dennis, urged health leaders to connect and engage with one another to drive the much needed healthcare transformation.

‘Quality and accuracy of patient care is at stake if we don’t equip health managers with the right knowledge, skills and resources to deliver essential services,’ Dr Dennis said. ‘And this starts when decision-makers are on the same page.’

This year’s congress program includes 35 concurrent sessions on a range of leadership, performance and engagement topics, as well as a number of plenary sessions, with diverse topics covering a CEO Masterclass and a workshop on managing conflict in the workplace.

To know more about the Congress and register, visit [achsm.org.au/congress](http://achsm.org.au/congress).

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