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ACHS Quality Improvement Award Winners Announced

Three hospitals from three different states have been announced as winners of the 19th Annual ACHS Quality Improvement Awards at the ACHS / ACHSM Joint Congress in Brisbane today.

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital (NSW), Osborne Park Hospital (WA) and Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service (QLD) each took out one award, demonstrating their leadership status as innovators in different aspects of healthcare

ACHS Executive Director of Customer Services and Development Ms Linda O'Connor presented the awards in three categories – Clinical Excellence and Patient Safety, Non-Clinical Service Delivery, and Healthcare Measurement.

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital won the **Clinical Excellence and Patient Safety Award** for their '*Doctors, Pharmacists, Nurses, Administrative staff, Patients and Carers – the new multidisciplinary team*' project aimed at empowering patients and their carers to contribute to their own medication management and safety.

The **Non-Clinical Service Delivery Award** was won by Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service for their '*Co-designing optimal maternal and infant nutrition resources for and by Maori and Pacific Islanders families living in Queensland*' project, a culturally tailored maternal and newborn health strategy.

Osborne Park Hospital won the **Healthcare Measurement Award** for their '*Sustaining Improvement in the Management of the Endoscopy Waitlist*', aimed at tackling referral, triage and clerical issues.

Ms O'Connor said the competition within the three categories had increased in recent years, each one having at least one 'Highly Commended' as runner-up to the winners. "The judges were impressed by both the scope and the very high level of entries submitted," she said.

"The winners have each identified an area of improvement in health, and delivered a worthwhile project that shows measurable results. The Quality Initiative Awards help showcase practical innovation projects that challenge standard practices through creative problem-solving to provide useful initiatives."

This year, almost 100 high quality submissions were received from Australian and international ACHS members as well as those organisations who participate in the ACHS' Clinical Indicator Program.

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