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ACHS Medal 2016 and ACHS International Medal 2016 Winners Announced

The Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) has awarded its prestigious **ACHS Medal 2016** to surgeon Professor Bryant Stokes AM from WA for outstanding achievement in the promotion of quality in health care.

In presenting the award, ACHS President Mr John Smith PSM said “We are delighted to recognise Professor Stokes AM for his lifetime commitment to maintaining a continuous quality improvement (CQI) focus in his multiple roles as clinician, Chief Medical Officer and Acting Director General of Health in WA.”

“Professor Stokes has had a distinguished career as a neurosurgeon and clinical teacher, establishing an international reputation while ensuring the development of safety and quality were a priority in every role he has undertaken.”

The presentation of the **ACHS International Medal 2016** was bestowed upon Dr Anthony KY Lee, Chief Hospital Manager and Medical Director from Union Hospital, Hong Kong.

The **ACHS International Medal 2016** acknowledges an individual who has made an outstanding contribution in quality and safety in health, and one that also furthers the work and profile of ACHS internationally.

“As a medical specialist trained in clinical immunology and rheumatology, Dr Lee is a renowned academic in Hong Kong as well as a notable hospital administrator,” said Mr Smith.

“Under Dr Lee’s leadership, the Union Hospital was one of the first private hospitals in Hong Kong to obtain healthcare accreditation in the late 1990s, and with the advent of the territory-wide Pilot Scheme of Hospital Accreditation by ACHS in 2009, Dr Lee has become a lead advocate for it.

“His commitment to sustainable CQI has ensured that hospital-wide accreditation serves as a key framework to promote the hospital’s patient safety and service excellence values.

“Dr Lee has shared his vision by example with hospital staff, ensuring the culture of patient safety permeates throughout staff’s activities.

“This has been another strong year for medal nominees and the ACHS Board is proud of both winners and their contribution to quality in health care,” Mr Smith said.

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