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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Australia's Premier Quality Improvement Awards in Health Now Open!



Australia's premier quality improvement awards in the health sector – the Australian Council on Healthcare Standard's **Quality Improvement Awards 2017** are now open for entries.

ACHS Chief Executive Officer, Dr Christine Dennis said that the awards, celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> year in 2017, are an important focus in the Australian healthcare industry, promoting the development of excellence in achieving quality improvement.

"Each year the QI Awards illustrate how strong the innovative thinking is that occurs across healthcare in Australia and overseas, as the Awards demonstrate the range of advancements taking place annually," Dr Dennis said.

Applications for the 2017 QI Awards are now open, and the closing date for entries is Friday 30 June, 2017 at 5.00pm AEST (+10h GMT).

"Now in their 20<sup>th</sup> year, the Awards have become a showcase for the best in innovation in an industry that employs more than 200,000 people across the country. They are a valuable opportunity to be recognised by your peers, and to help encourage a strong quality focus that promotes innovation to improve patient safety and," she said.

The three main entry categories are:

- Clinical excellence and patient safety
- Non-clinical service delivery
- Healthcare measurement

Applications are open to local, national or international ACHS member healthcare facilities and for ACHS Clinical Indicator Program members.

For further information about the Awards please contact Dr Mark Burgess, ACHS Project Officer on +61 (02) 9281 9955 or email [qi.award@achs.org.au](mailto:qi.award@achs.org.au)

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