

24 July 2012

MEDIA RELEASE

Calling all Nominations for this year's ACHS Medal Winner

Nominations for The Australian Council on Healthcare Standards most prestigious award, the 2012 ACHS Medal, are now being called. This award recognises outstanding achievement in improving quality and safety in Australian health care.

The ACHS Medal has been awarded over the last 18 years to those who have consistently embodied the mission, values and leadership that the Council represents.

“The ACHS Medal provides the opportunity to reflect on these values and demonstrate the leadership, commitment and integrity of the individual being recognised,” said ACHS Chief Executive, Mr Brian Johnston.

“Within the changing landscape of the health care environment there is still a high priority put on both safety and quality and the need to put these first in all outcomes.”

The four criteria that are used to determine the level of commitment to quality and safety are:-

- Substantial achievement on research into quality and safety of health systems;
- Distinguished leadership in quality practices;
- Outstanding achievement in maintaining a continuous quality improvement focus in health care delivery systems; and
- Outstanding achievement in the promotion of quality in health care.

“With a growing emphasis on consumer centred care, safety and quality are two of the biggest drivers to ensure patients come first.”

“It is a great honour to be awarded the ACHS Medal as it signifies a strong contribution to Australian health care and its lasting impact on a wide range of people,” said Mr Johnston.

Recent recipients of the medal have included: Professor Jeffrey Braithwaite (2011), Professor Bruce Barraclough, AO (2010), Dr (Taffy) Jones AM (2009), Associate Professor Christine Kilpatrick (2008), and Professor William Rawlinson (2007).

The closing date for nominations is 5pm, Friday 7 September, 2012, and a form for nominations can be found on the ACHS website at: <http://www.achs.org.au/ACHSMedal/>

For more information contact Miranda Bagnato, Communications and Events Officer on +61 2 9281 9955.

Established in 1974, the ACHS is Australia's leading health care accreditation agency and is recognised by the International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) for both its standards and accreditation program. Over 1050 individual hospitals and healthcare organisations are members of ACHS quality improvement programs.

ACN 008 549 773

5 Macarthur Street Ultimo NSW 2007 Australia T: +61 2 9281 9955 F: +61 2 9211 9633

E: achs@achs.org.au W: www.achs.org.au

A not-for-profit organisation

