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Reform's shifting boundaries in health to be explored at national forum

The necessity to measure outcomes and results in healthcare and how this is redefining boundaries in health will be discussed at a national conference called "The Quantum Leap, Measurement" from **Tuesday 25 to Thursday 27 September, 2012 at Sofitel Sydney (Wentworth)**.

The event is being hosted by the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS), the Australian Healthcare & Hospitals Association (AHAA), and Women's and Children's Healthcare Australasia.

Some of the topics that will be discussed at the three-day event include.

- Is paying for performance the answer to improving healthcare?
- How should we deal with non-performing clinicians?
- Does comparing the performance of governments in healthcare matter?

Keynote speakers include:

- Fred Lee from the US, consultant and author of *If Disney Ran Your Hospital: 9½ Things You Would Do Differently*;
- Associate Professor Michael Greco, CEO Patient Opinion Australia; and
- Mary-Ann O'Loughlin, CEO COAG Reform Council.

The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP Commonwealth Minister for Health, Senator Richard Di Natale and The Hon Jillian Skinner MP NSW Minister for Health will also address the conference.

To view the full program, visit <http://thequantumleap.com.au/>.

The conference is hosted by three of Australia's most respected health organisations, covering three significant areas of health:

- quality and safety through standards development and promotion,
- national representation of the public healthcare sector, and
- specialisation of hospital management.

The Quantum Leap is sponsored by The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, and the Ministry of Health NSW.

Journalists and photographers wishing to organise interviews at the event, please contact: ACHS Communications Manager Ian McManus on 0411 159 941, 02 8218 2743 or imcmanus@achs.org.au