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The 2009 NSW Health Awards:

Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC)

Award for

Improvement in Patient Safety

Background:

Established by the Minister for Health in 2004, the Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC) is a statutory health corporation whose mission is to build confidence in health care in NSW by making it demonstrably better and safer for patients and a more rewarding workplace. Its focus is primarily on:

- Promoting and supporting improvement in clinical quality and safety in health services
- Consulting broadly with health professionals and members of the community
- Identifying and sharing information about safe practices in health care across the state
- Monitoring clinical quality and safety processes in NSW Health Services

Aims:

In originating this award, the CEC sought to recognise and showcase the significant efforts of clinicians and managers in improving the quality and safety of patient care and to encourage innovation and improved practice.

Entry process

- 2009 NSW Health Awards entries that relate to improvement in patient safety will be eligible for the Clinical Excellence Commission Award **in addition** to the Awards category entered. The Awards categories most likely to be relevant are:
 - Category 2: Creating better patient journeys
 - Category 5: Making smart choices
 - Category 6: Building the health workforce
 - Category 7: Being ready for new risks and opportunitiesFull details of the 2009 NSW Health Award categories are at:
www.awards-expo.health.nsw.gov.au
- All NSW Health Awards entries must be submitted through the relevant Health Service's Awards Liaison Officer (see details on above website) in time for their Health Service's Awards closing date.
- Health Services' Awards Liaison Officers should identify on the on-line submission form the entries they wish to be considered for the CEC Award (in addition to the Awards category entered).

Judging Panel:

The judging panel comprises senior members of the CEC staff including at least one member of the governing board and executive management committee

Judging Criteria

The following criteria and weights, rather than those for the other 2009 NSW Health Award entry categories, will be used in judging the Clinical Excellence Commission Award:

- A clear and concise summary of the project (5)
- Aim of the project identifies what was to be accomplished (5)
- The patient safety issue is clearly identified and considers appropriate measures and assessment of scope for improvement (15)
- The diagnostic processes for investigating the problem and identifying improvement strategies are clearly identified, eg RCA team, IIMS analysis and diagnostic tools (15)
- The changes or innovations that were made to improve patient safety are described, eg system changes, protocols, system alert, on going audits, shared learnings, presentation at grand rounds, meetings etc (20)
- Post implementation measurements that prove the changes have resulted in improvement are shown (20)
- Identification of how the results of the project are applicable to and transferable to the NSW Health system. For example, does this project link or complement strategies being planned or implemented in the future? (20)
- Bonus points may be awarded for particularly innovative or creative solutions

Award and other recognition

- The Winner and other Finalists will be announced at the 2009 NSW Health Awards ceremony at the Australian Technology Park (ATP), Redfern, on Friday 30 October 2009. All Finalist teams will be invited to attend.
- The Finalists will be invited to make a presentation at the 2009 NSW Health Expo, also to be held at the ATP on 30 October 2009.