

# **National Lead Clinicians Group**

Awards for Excellence  
in Innovative Implementation  
of Clinical Guidelines



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health and Ageing**

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*Enhancing clinical leadership and engagement  
in the Australian health system*

*The National Lead Clinicians Group (LCG) Awards for Excellence in Innovative Implementation of Clinical Guidelines* recognise and reward creative, successful and cost-effective approaches to implementation of best practice. The Awards will be presented as part of the National Clinicians Network National Forum (National NCN Forum) in June 2013.

Finalists will be sponsored to attend the National NCN Forum to showcase their implementation approach by way of a presentation, and winner(s) will each receive an award of \$10,000. All finalists will receive a certificate signed by the Commonwealth Minister for Health, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP.

Winner(s) may be requested to present their entries at NCN Forums to be undertaken by the National LCG during 2013-14.

### **Aim of the National NCN Forum 2013**

The National NCN Forum in June 2013 will be the final event in an annual series of state and national forums held across Australia to enhance clinical leadership and engagement in the Australian health system. The forums are designed to provide a valued platform for ongoing strategic conversations among clinicians, managers and executives. The National NCN Forum will be hosted by the National LCG.

### **Clinical Guidelines in Practice**

Clinical Guidelines are developed as a benchmark and guide to best clinical practice, and to ensure appropriate and effective patient outcomes are achieved. At the National NCN Forum in June 2013, the National LCG will showcase innovative, successful and cost-effective implementation of clinical guidelines, with an emphasis on creative approaches and how relevant barriers have been overcome.

### **The Awards**

The Awards are open to clinicians and managers from across the spectrum of health care. Approaches with broader applicability for multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral implementation are encouraged. It is envisaged that all finalists will make a presentation covering their implementation approach at the National NCN Forum.

Suggested themes include, but are not limited to, approaches to implementation focused on: strengthening primary care; delivering health services to people living with disability; the consumer, carer and community; private hospitals; the interface between acute hospital care and primary community care for treatment of people living with chronic disease(s).

### **Judging Criteria**

It is expected that the implementation approaches selected for showcasing at the National NCN Forum will:

- utilise guidelines that will have a positive impact on patient outcomes, or the patient journey;
- demonstrate an innovative and successful approach to implementing guidelines which complements and does not unnecessarily duplicate other activities or efforts in the applicable environment;
- demonstrate how existing barriers to the use of the guideline(s) were overcome, or gaps were addressed, as part of implementation (as relevant);
- provide successful case studies demonstrating increased uptake and continued use of a clinical guideline(s) in practice as a result of implementation of the approach;
- demonstrate efficiencies in terms of human and financial resources, as well as time frames in which implementation was undertaken and achieved;
- ideally involve multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral implementation and/or relevance; and
- be suitable for broader implementation, which can be achieved in an efficient and effective manner while also minimising duplication, and be easily transferable to other relevant settings / systems.

Applicants must include information about the following in their application:

- the name, address and contact details of the chief applicant(s);
- the name of the institution(s) / organisation(s) / service(s) at which implementation has occurred;
- the specific guideline(s) implemented (including author, how and where the guideline was accessed from, and status of guideline – i.e. level of endorsement);
- the key disease(s) / health area(s) being addressed by the guideline(s);
- any funding (and funding sources) and in-kind contributions provided in support of implementation;
- the time taken to implement the relevant guideline, and the length of time clinical practice has continued to be based on the guideline since implementation;
- participation (as relevant) by key managers, multi-disciplinary clinicians, clinical champions, consumers and / or the broader clinical community as part of implementation;
- research undertaken prior to or as part of implementation (if any);
- relevant promotional or publishing efforts undertaken to support implementation;
- key lessons learned in the course of implementation; and
- any additional information supporting the findings, detailing how the approach could be applied to implementation of guidelines in a multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral context.

### **Submitting an Application**

Applications addressing the selection criteria should be no more than five (5) A4 pages, in 12 point font, and should not contain highly technical language. Additionally, applications must include a one (1) page summary of the approach, which may be released by the National LCG publicly, or incorporated as part of formal advice to the Commonwealth Minister for Health at a later date.

### **Application forms should be forwarded by 5pm AEDT Friday 16 March 2013 to:**

National LCG Secretariat  
MDP 404  
GPO Box 9848  
Canberra City ACT 2601  
or emailed to: [leadcliniciansgroups@health.gov.au](mailto:leadcliniciansgroups@health.gov.au)

Further information on the application process can be obtained by contacting the National LCG Secretariat via email to: [leadcliniciansgroups@health.gov.au](mailto:leadcliniciansgroups@health.gov.au)

### **Privacy Statement**

Please note that all personal information being collected will be dealt with in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth)*.

### **Conditions of Entry**

Guidelines entered for the Awards for Excellence must be for clinical practice undertaken in Australia.

All entrants must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, or if a body corporate or other legal entity then registered or having its principal place of business in Australia.

Members of the National LCG, as well as relevant technical experts will assess the entries received and shortlist finalists to be submitted to the Commonwealth Minister for Health for selection of the winner(s). The deliberations of the assessment panel will remain confidential. All recommendations and decisions taken by the assessment panel and/or the Commonwealth Minister for Health are binding and final, and no correspondence will be entered into on such matters.

Members of the National LCG are ineligible to apply for an Award.

Information provided by the entrant(s) (including photos), may be used by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing for promotional / publicity purposes. This may include, and is not restricted to, the information being used on the Department's websites, social media, printed material, advertisements, and press releases in relation to the Awards for Excellence.



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