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St George Hospital wins 2013 Australasian Emergency Department of the Year award

St George Hospital's Emergency Department has been recognised for its excellence in emergency care by being named the College of Emergency Nursing Australasia's 2013 Australasian Emergency Department of the Year.

The hospital's Emergency Department was chosen from Emergency Departments across Austral-Asia; and was recognised for its commitment to quality, innovation, leadership, education, advocacy and research.

The award was also in recognition for substantial improvement to service; implementation of innovative solutions to problems; evidence of commitment to excellence in clinical practise; professional development of staff; engagement of all staff in quality activities to improve clinical practises and contribution to emergency care as leaders.

Cath Whitehurst, Director of Operations, St George and Sutherland Hospitals commended the Emergency Department staff on the achievement.

"Our Emergency Department team work around the clock, often under challenging circumstances, to provide quality healthcare to our sick and injured patients. Regardless of how busy or hectic the Emergency Department is, staff always maintain a high level of excellence in the provision of patient care," Ms Whitehurst said.

"We are fortunate to have expert leaders who are committed to implementing change to improve processes for more efficient and safe care of patients. Our nursing and medical staff are certainly very passionate about delivering exceptional patient care.

"The St George Hospital Emergency Department is a leader in nursing-led and collaborative research. Its vision is to create an environment that is always open to new ideas in all aspects of emergency care."

St George Hospital has one of the busiest Emergency Departments in the state, treating more than 66,370 patients and admitting around 22,000 patients each year.

Additionally, the Hospital is the Level 1 Trauma Centre for South Eastern Sydney Local Health District and the wider catchment area. Of the 2,000 major trauma patients evaluated each year, 350 have sustained serious, life-threatening injuries and generally require intensive care, operative and extensive recovery and rehabilitation care.

"The Emergency Department team continues to look at implementing new and innovative ways to improve the way patients are treated, including taking the lead in quickly identifying and treating patients with Septicaemia (Sepsis)," Ms Whitehurst said.

"The Emergency Department team was lauded for their work with patients suffering from Sepsis by winning Clinical Team of the Year in the 2012 South Eastern Sydney Local Health District's Healthcare Awards."

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