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**Health services recognised for excellence in Clinical Care Standards**

To mark the 10-year anniversary of the Clinical Care Standards, the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has recognised excellence in implementing these standards to improve patient care.

Five health services from across Australia have been selected for an Excellence Award for demonstrating successful implementation of a national Clinical Care Standard.

Their stories were chosen from submissions received from across Australia.

Commission Board Chair, Professor Christine Kilpatrick AO, congratulated Award recipients.

“Each service offered a unique story, with evidence of how meaningful change can be achieved by effectively implementing a Clinical Care Standard. This inevitably meant innovating to overcome hurdles,” Professor Kilpatrick said.

The Commission is showcasing these five ‘Stories of Excellence’ for other health services to learn from their experiences.

The five Award recipients are:

* Acute Stroke Clinical Care Standard  
  **Stroke Services, University Hospital Geelong, Barwon Health**
* Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Care Standard  
  **Canberra Health Services Antimicrobial Stewardship Team, Canberra Hospital**
* Colonoscopy Clinical Care Standard  
  **Northern NSW Local Health District**
* Opioid Analgesic Stewardship in Acute Pain Clinical Care Standard  
  **Medicines Optimisation Service (Austin Health, Heidelberg)**
* Sepsis Clinical Care Standard  
  **Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network**

[Register for the webinar](https://safetyandquality.tv/ccs-10) on 19 August 2025 to hear representatives from these health services share their experiences of improving patient care.

**Learn more** about each of these Stories of Excellence at [safetyandquality.gov.au/CCS-10](https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/ccs-10)

Read the congratulatory [Message from the Board Chair](https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news/recognising-excellence-in-clinical-care-standards).

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