

AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION ON SAFETY AND QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE

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Professor Villis Marshall AC reappointed as Chairman of the Commission

One of Australia's most distinguished and respected healthcare leaders, Professor Villis Marshall AC, has been reappointed to the role of Board Chair for the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care to guide the organisation for a further three years.

The Commission's Chief Executive Officer, Adjunct Professor Debora Picone AM, has warmly welcomed the appointment, which she said would allow the Commission to continue to benefit from Professor Marshall's extensive knowledge and insights.

Professor Marshall brings to the board experience in providing healthcare services, managing public hospitals, and improving safety and quality. Professor Marshall has had significant clinical experience as a urologist, and as Clinical Director (Surgical Specialties Service) at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Adelaide.

Professor Marshall was awarded a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in 2006 for services to medicine, particularly urology and research into kidney disease, to the development of improved healthcare services in the Defence forces, and to the community through distinguished contributions to the development of pre-hospital first aid care provided by St John Ambulance Australia.

Professor Picone said Professor Marshall's reappointment to 31 March 2020 would be of great benefit to the Commission, given its role in leading and coordinating safety and quality improvements across the Australian healthcare system.

'Professor Marshall has, with the Commission's other Board members, been a key factor in the Commission's outstanding successes over the past several years,' Professor Picone said.

'I look forward to working closely with Professor Marshall on many further important projects, including the release later this year of the second edition of the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards.'

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About the Commission:

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is an Australian Government agency that leads and coordinates national improvements in the safety and quality of health care based on the best available evidence. The Commission has program of significant national activities with outcomes that are demonstrating direct patient benefit as well as creating essential underpinnings for ongoing improvement.