



AUSTRALIAN CONSENSUS FRAMEWORK FOR ETHICAL COLLABORATION IN THE HEALTHCARE SECTOR

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International recognition for Australian health sector

Australian health leaders presenting a Consensus Statement on Ethics in Healthcare have been awarded the 2018 APEC Business Ethics Lighthouse Award in Tokyo.

The award acknowledges the significant international leadership demonstrated by the Australian health sector in developing a model for ethical collaboration across all parts of the health system, including patients, clinicians, professional colleges, hospitals and health services, Commonwealth and state/territory governments, medical technology and biopharmaceutical companies.

Presenting the award, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Asia, Ms Diane Farrell, noted the contributions Australia had made to mentoring, supporting and inspiring health leaders and companies across the APEC membership to develop and commit to ethical practice in health care.

Commonwealth Minister for Health Greg Hunt's opening statement to APEC delegates highlighted Australia's international reputation as a leader in delivering high quality health care with the best possible health outcomes for Australians.

Chair of the Australian Consensus Framework for Ethical Collaboration and CEO of the Australian Orthopaedic Association, Adrian Cosenza, said, "That this was acknowledged by APEC health leaders through the 2018 Lighthouse Award is a great honour for Australia."

Australia was represented at the Tokyo APEC Business Ethics Forum by members of the leadership group who developed the Australian Consensus Framework including the Australian Orthopaedic Association, the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association, the Medical Technology Association of Australia, and Medicines Australia; as well as representatives from the Australian and New Zealand Society for Vascular Surgery, the Australasian College of Sport and Exercise Physicians, the Consumers Health Forum of Australia, the Federal Department of health through the Therapeutic Goods Administration as well as the Australian Embassy in Japan.

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About the Australian Consensus Framework for Ethical Collaboration

The Australian Consensus Framework for Ethical Collaboration is a government-supported, sector-led initiative that has been developed collaboratively by professional bodies, industry organisations, hospital and health services associations, regulators, patient and advocacy groups and other related organisations.

Having commenced in December 2017 with a group of five bodies representing medical professional groups, industry associations and hospital and health services, the Australian



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Consensus Framework for Ethical Collaboration has grown to more than 60 bodies spanning the entire health system. The support from federal and state and territory jurisdictions is also significant.

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