



Media Release

Ramsay Health Care win global GS1 Healthcare award

For immediate release Tuesday 19th April 2016 – Ramsay Health Care, leading Australian hospital group, has been announced the winner of the prestigious 'GS1 Healthcare Best Provider Implementation Case Study Award' in the GS1 Healthcare Provider Advisory Council (HPAC) awards.

The award recognises the best implementation of GS1 standards to support improvements of at least one process in their hospital group.

The ceremony was held at the recent Global GS1 Healthcare Conference held in Dubai from the 18 to 20 April 2016 where the GS1 Healthcare community gathered to hear about the implementation of GS1 standards in hospitals and the benefits global standards bring to providers and patients.

Andrew Potter, Group Inventory Manager at Ramsay Health Care said, "We are incredibly pleased and humbled to win this award. It's a reflection of the continuing work by Ramsay Health Care to look for ways to improve how we deliver care – but is also a result of the continuing work by GS1 in supporting the NEHTA Australian Healthcare Supply Chain reform program to improve the health supply chain in Australia. The adoption of GS1 standards by all healthcare providers and their suppliers in Australia is creating efficiency, quality and safety benefits for all parties."

Ramsay Health Care has undertaken a number of projects over the past several years, utilising GS1 standards to support fundamental process improvements and efficiencies across their 70 hospitals and day surgery units around Australia. Use of GS1 standards has already enabled significant benefits within the areas of master data, inventory management, purchase-to-pay and patient record accuracy as they continue to identify new areas for benefits.

"Ramsay Health Care is an active participant in the Australian Healthcare Supply Chain reform agenda led by the National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA). This award is recognition of what can be delivered when working collaboratively through use of standards, and demonstrates the significant benefits that can be achieved. We are pleased to see one of our health providers continuing to lead the way within the global community," added Paul Broadbridge, Manager eHealth Value Chain at National E-Health Transition Authority.

GS1 standards support increased patient safety and provide foundations for ongoing operational efficiency improvements within healthcare.

Catherine Koetz, Industry Manager Healthcare at GS1 Australia said, "We are very pleased to see Ramsay Health Care receive this recognition from their global peers. Change within health providers must be finely balanced to ensure quality of care is maintained, and this certainly has been achieved by Ramsay through the implementation of GS1 standards. This award is a great achievement and we look forward to continuing to support Ramsay and the whole industry in the strategic value chain program."



For more information on GS1 standards in Healthcare visit <https://www.gs1au.org/for-your-industry/healthcare/>

For further information about the national healthcare supply chain program lead by NEHTA visit <https://www.nehta.gov.au/get-started-with-ehealth/what-is-ehealth/supply-chain>

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We bring businesses, associations and industries together. This blended community comes to GS1 Australia for advice, networking and solutions to their supply chain challenges. For more information visit <http://www.gs1au.org/>

About Ramsay Health Care

Established in Australia in 1964, Ramsay Health Care is now the largest operator of private hospitals in the country. With 70 hospitals and day surgery units, Ramsay Health Care Australia admits almost 1,000,000 patients and conducts over half a million procedures each year. The Company is well-respected as a leader in the private health care industry in Australia and is a well-recognised brand in the industry.

In addition to its comprehensive range of private hospitals, Ramsay Health Care also operates five public facilities in Australia, most notably the Joondalup Health Campus, a 600+ bed comprehensive teaching hospital located in Perth, Western Australia; Mildura Base Hospital; Noosa Hospital; Peel Health Campus and a contract to treat public patients at its Sunshine Coast University Private Hospital
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