

Dear Colleagues

I am excited to advise that St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne has 10 finalists in the 2019 SVHA Innovation & Excellence Awards.

The Awards recognise innovative programs, using sustainable approaches that can be translated across SVHA health services. The Awards have again been very competitive, with more than 100 entries across seven categories and the Individual & Team Excellence Awards.

For 2019, I am very pleased to announce that the following submissions have been named as finalists:

Clinical Improvement & Innovation

Addiction Medicine Prescription Opioid Practice Improvement (POPI)
Continuous Improvement Choosing Wisely: reducing low value care

Person Centred Care

Mental Health Evaluation of the use of safety plans in the Hospital Outreach Post-Suicidal Engagement program

Digital Innovation

Pharmacy Enkey: Australia's first hospital wide electronic drugs of dependence (DD) management system

Leading Reputation

Nexus Building & sustaining mental health & alcohol & other drug workforce capabilities: a national trial

Best People in Health and Ageing

Physiotherapy Caring for our staff: A transition support program for new graduate physiotherapists

Growth and Sustainability

Continuous Improvement Countdown to Discharge

Individual and Team Excellence Award – The Deadly Award

Andy Brigham

I would like to personally thank everyone who took the time and effort to submit a nomination. There will be a local celebration, where we will showcase all Melbourne submissions:

Date: Thursday, 12 September **Time:** 12:45pm – 2pm **Venue:** Brenan Hall, Building E

Please RSVP to svhm.eventsmelb@svha.org.au by 29 August.

Congratulations to each of our finalists, I wish you every success at the Awards ceremony to be held in Brisbane on Tuesday 8 October 2019.

Regards Angela

