

Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne Achieves HIMSS Analytics EMRAMSM and O-EMRAMSM Stage 6

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA (10 March, 2017) – HIMSS Analytics[®] announced today that the [Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne](#) (RCH) has achieved both the HIMSS Analytics Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model (EMRAMSM) and Outpatient Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model (O-EMRAMSM) Stage 6. These models are international benchmarks for the use of advanced IT to improve patient care.

HIMSS Analytics developed the EMRAMSM in 2005 as a methodology for evaluating the progress and impact of electronic medical record systems for hospitals in the HIMSS Analytics Database. There are eight stages (0 – 7) that measure a hospital's implementation and utilization of information technology applications. Tracking their progress in completing eight stages (0 – 7), hospitals can review the implementation and utilization of information technology applications with the intent of reaching Stage 7, which represents an advanced electronic patient record environment.

Developed in 2010, the O-EMRAM provides a methodology for evaluating the progress and impact of electronic medical record systems for outpatient facilities in the HIMSS Analytics Database. These facilities include physician practices, clinics, outpatient centers and specialty clinics. Tracking their progress in completing eight stages (0-7), outpatient facilities can review the implementation and use of IT applications with the intent of reaching Stage 7, which represents an advanced electronic patient record environment.

These two achievements place the RCH at the top of Australia's finest hospitals. They are the first in Australia on both counts: First public hospital (major specialist paediatric hospital) to attain Stage 6 EMRAM and the first hospital to attain O-EMRAM in Australia.

Professor Christine Kilpatrick, Chief Executive Officer, The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, said, "The Royal Children's Hospital is very proud to be the first public hospital in Australia to receive international recognition for its effective use of technology to deliver high quality patient care. Achieving a Stage 6 rating was a testament to the hospital's clear electronic medical record vision and its commitment to excellence, particularly in the delivery of world-class health care for children and young people. We are excited to see where this technology will take us in the future and how we can use it to further benefit our patients and families, as well as the broader community."

Professor Mike South, Chief Medical Information Officer, The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, added, "The electronic medical record had an immediate impact on the way clinical care was delivered at the RCH when it was launched in April 2016. There were clear benefits for clinicians from day one in terms of the speed and ease with which they can access patient information through the electronic medical record. We've also continued to make significant improvements to the system and our work practice to ensure we are getting maximum benefit from the technology for our patients, particularly in relation to medication management."

"Royal Children's Hospital has a strong commitment to coordinated care between their inpatient services and outpatient services. Their Stage 6 achievements on both the EMRAM and O-EMRAM demonstrates their focus on using health IT to drive improvements in care quality and safety, and in operational efficiencies," said John H. Daniels, Global Vice President, Healthcare Advisory Services Group, HIMSS Analytics.

The RCH will be recognized at the [HIMSS Australia eHealth Summit 2017](#), 31 May – 1 June.

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About Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne

The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) has been providing outstanding care for Victoria's children and their families for more than 146 years. It is the major specialist paediatric hospital in Victoria and its care extends to children from Tasmania, southern New South Wales and other states around Australia and overseas. With a passionate, highly skilled and committed staff, the RCH provides a full range of clinical services, tertiary care and health promotion and prevention programs for children and young people.

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