**Princess Alexandra Hospital Achieves HIMSS Analytics EMRAM<sup>SM</sup> Stage 6**

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA (7 June 2017) – HIMSS Analytics® announced today that the Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) has achieved the HIMSS Analytics Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model (EMRAM<sup>SM</sup>) Stage 6. This model is an international benchmark for the use of advanced IT to improve patient care.

HIMSS Analytics developed the EMRAM<sup>SM</sup> 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.

With this achievement, PAH is one of only three Australian hospitals that have attained EMRAM Stage 6, and one of two public hospitals at this level of EMR adoption. There are currently no Stage 7 facilities in Australia.

"Princess Alexandra Hospital's successful achievement of HIMSS Analytics EMRAM Stage 6 is an important milestone on our journey to become a digital leader in Australia. Our success can be attributed to the clinical leadership at PAH and the support of all staff in becoming the first large scale digital hospital in Australia", said Michael Draheim, Chief Information Officer, Metro South Health.

Dr. Stephen Ayre, Executive Director PAH/QEII Network added, "PAH embraces healthcare innovation and the EMR is shown to improve patient safety and increase clinical efficiency. This technology and other digital initiatives enable PAH clinicians to spend more time with patients, receive significant clinical decision support and deliver safer, better-quality healthcare."

"Princess Alexandra Hospital is clearly committed to achieving a near paperless EMR environment.  Their patient-centric focus in using information technology to improve care processes is making a positive impact on outcomes," said John H. Daniels, Global Vice President, Healthcare Advisory Services Group, HIMSS Analytics.

The PAH was recently awarded Stage 6 certification at the HIMSS Australia eHealth Summit and will again be recognized at the HIMSS AsiaPac17 Conference & Exhibition, 11 – 14 September.

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**About Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH)**
PAH is a tertiary health care centre under the Metro South Health and Hospital Service in Queensland. PAH provides care in all major adult specialties, with the exception of obstetrics.  PAH is one of Australia's leading academic and research health centres. Apart from providing acute medical, surgical, mental health, cancer, rehabilitation and allied health services, PAH is nationally recognised for its expertise in trauma management and is a major transplantation centre for livers, kidneys, bone, cartilage, and corneas. PAH also has responsibility for a number of state-wide services including: Acquired Brain Injury Outreach Service, Queensland Spinal Cord Injury Service, Queensland Liver Transplant Service, Queensland Eye Bank and Queensland Bone Bank.

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