

## 2018 International Hospital Federation Award winners revealed



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The winners and merit awardees of the 2018 International Hospital Federation (IHF) Awards were revealed today at the Awards Ceremony held at the 42nd World Hospital Congress at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre in Australia.

The IHF Awards, which celebrates and recognizes hospitals and healthcare organizations with demonstrable excellence, innovations, and outstanding achievements in the healthcare industry, attracted 160 entries from 118 organizations in 33 countries. Twenty-seven entries came out on top and were selected as finalists from which the eventual winners and merit awardees were chosen in the IHF / Dr Kwang Tae Kim Grand Award and Excellence Awards in Corporate Social Responsibility, Leadership and Management in Healthcare, and Quality & Safety and Patient-centered Care.

The Gold Award of the prestigious IHF / Dr Kwang Tae Kim Grand Award was bestowed to Dental Health Services Victoria from Australia for their program "Value-based healthcare: A new approach to improve oral health outcomes".

Fundación Cardioinfantil Instituto de Cardiología from Colombia took home the Gold Award of the IHF/Bionexo Excellence Award for Corporate Social Responsibility for their project "Give a Life".

The University of Utah Health from the USA came out victorious as the Gold Award winner of the IHF/EOH Excellence Award for Leadership and Management in Healthcare for "Value Driven Outcomes (Implementation of Data Driven Approach to Manage Utilization of Resources and Improve Quality of Care)".

Finally, for the IHF/Austco Excellence Award for Quality & Safety and Patient-centered Care, the Gold Award was given to Metro South Health, Queensland Health from Australia for their project "Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) App and Interactive Clinician Portal (Internet Based)".

"This year's winners and merit awardees are proof of how organizations across the globe are pursuing excellence, improving service delivery and moving healthcare forward," said Dr Lawrence Lai, Chair of the IHF Awards Committee.

"Congratulations to all the winners and merit awardees! When exceptional achievements and initiatives are awarded, it not only recognizes that their work is being valued but also brings to light programs and projects that others can emulate. More importantly, by sharing and learning from winning projects, it can inspire other hospitals and healthcare leaders to work together to strive for excellence."

Winners of the Gold Awards presented their winning projects in a special concurrent session right after the Awards Ceremony while Silver, Bronze and Merit Awardees shared their excellent work by poster display at the World Hospital Congress exhibition.

Photos and more information about each of the winning projects will be made available shortly at the IHF web page <http://bit.ly/ihfaw>. Health service providers aiming to deliver better and more efficient health services are encouraged to visit the page to be inspired by outstanding projects this year and IHF Award winning projects in previous years.

View the full list of winners [here](#).

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