

# Al Ahli gets international re-accreditation

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AL Ahli Hospital has been awarded four years full healthcare re-accreditation by the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards International (ACHSI), one of the top healthcare accreditation bodies in the world.

The event marks the four years since the hospital first achieved full international accreditation under the ACHSI Evaluation and Quality Improvement Program (EQuIP).

The accreditation evaluation was conducted by peers from Australia, Hong Kong and India who evaluated full compliance with 46 demanding standards and extensive evidence of continuous quality improvement activities across all aspects of the hospital's operations.

The teams were also satisfied that the recommendations made during the previous accreditation cycle have been fully implemented.

The survey team led by Vincent Gaglioti congratulated the hospital on its improvements across all evaluation areas and on the significant enhancements implemented in team collaboration and focus on improving the quality of care.

Al Ahli Chief Executive Officer Khalid Al Emadi said, "Achieving ACHSI accreditation originally was a significant boost to the team and this helped propel them to higher



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levels of achievement. Sustaining and improving this standard over the longer term is very gratifying and underscores the hospital's mission and values."

Deputy Of Chief Executive Officer of Al Ahli Hospital Jamal Hamad said, "The hospital is eager to achieve and excel in international standards for patients safety and we are doing our best to achieve the highest quality in health care for patients by enhancing education and professional development for medical, nursing and allied health professionals. This creates an entrepreneurial spirit among them as they strive for best possible practice.

"Al Ahli Hospital initially achieved full international accreditation in 2014 for a four year period. However, this re-accreditation gives us more challenge to reach higher standards and to sustain our extensive improvements. As a private hospital it is very important to be at the forefront of safety and quality initiatives and this collaboration with ACHSI now shows the long-term result."

According to Dr Abdul Azim Abdul Wahab Hussain, Al Ahli Hospital medical director, said: "Al Ahli Hospital is characterised by professional medical and nursing staff who are dedicated and the proof of this is the strong commu-

nication between them which demonstrates a dynamic team focused on patient safety and excellent clinical outcomes."

David Miller, director - Safety and Quality at Al Ahli Hospital, said: "Achieving international healthcare accreditation is not an easy task and maintaining it is even tougher. This can only be achieved by constantly focusing on the quality of the services provided.

"The ACHSI EQuIP system creates an ever increasing benchmark and expectation that drives continuous quality improvement and the requirement for strong connections between clinical and non-clinical departments."