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Current role

Clinical Excellence Commission, Chief Executive

1 August 2022 –
current

Responsible for oversight of the Ministerial Determination of Functions of the organisation:

- provide system wide clinical governance leadership with local health districts and specialty networks, including supporting the implementation and ongoing development of local quality systems;
- develop policy and strategy related to improvements of clinical quality and safety across the NSW public health system and promote and support improvement in clinical quality and safety in public and private health services.
- identify, develop and disseminate information about clinical quality and safety in health care on a statewide basis, including (but not limited to):
 - (i) working with the Health Education and Training Institute to develop, provide and promote training and education programs;
 - (ii) identifying priorities for and promoting the conduct of research about clinical quality and safety in health care;
- review adverse clinical incidents arising in the NSW public health system and develop responses to those incidents including (but not limited to)
 - (i) co-ordinating responses to specific incidents with system or statewide implications; and
 - (ii) providing advice to the Secretary on urgent or emergent patient safety issues and staff safety issues in a clinical setting;
- monitor clinical quality and safety processes and performance of public health organisations and to report to the Secretary and Minister thereon;
- provide the Bureau of Health Information with relevant data on clinical quality and safety performance of the public health system to support the Bureau's public reporting function;
- consult broadly with public health organisations, health professionals and members of the community in performing its functions;
- provide advice to the Secretary and Minister for Health on issues arising out of its functions;
- develop three-year Strategic Plans and an Annual Work Plan, linking these activities and priorities of the Commission to the statewide directions and priorities of NSW and work in accordance with these plans and Service Compact agreed with the Secretary.

Recent experience

University of Sydney – Adjunct Professor	August 2022 – Current
NSW Health – Senior Clinical Advisor Obstetrics	2008 -2022
Northern Sydney Local Health District -Clinical Director, Maternity Neonatal and Women’s Health Network	2006 -2022
Royal North Shore Hospital – Clinical Director, Division of Women’s Children’s and Family Health	2004 -2022

Education and qualifications

University of Sydney – Bachelor Medicine, Bachelor Surgery	1983
Charles Sturt University – Master Business Administration (Public Sector Management specialisation)	2004
University of Sydney – Doctor of Philosophy (Medicine)	2013

Awards

iCare (TMF) NSW Public Sector Risk Leadership Award	2017
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Board appointments

Women’s Healthcare Australasia -President	2013 -2019
Women’s Healthcare Australasia – Board Member	2010 -2022

Professional development activities

Australian College of Health Service Managers	Fellow
Australasian Association for Quality in Health Care	Fellow
Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	Retired Fellow
Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	Overseas Fellow
