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## **MONTSERRAT DAY HOSPITALS WIN CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD**

The Montserrat Day Hospitals have won the prestigious APHA Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, Ambulatory Care Centre, at a special awards ceremony on the Gold Coast.

The hospitals, in Spring Hill, Indooroopilly and Gaythorne, won the award for developing a program for colonic polyp, colorectal surveillance and assessment of Doctor Performance through a new in house developed software system.

*In it's submission for the award, the hospitals Executive Director, Dr Peter Stephenson said the program aims to set a new standard in service delivery, clinical governance and an achievable approach to benchmark directly, Doctor's performance.*

He said approximately 1 in 20 Queenslanders will, if not screened; develop colorectal cancer with the risks dependent on age and family genetic risk factors.

“Virtually all colorectal cancers begin as colonic polyps which can be identified at colonoscopy and removed, curtailing the polyp to cancer sequence.

“If a cancer does develop, its prognosis is dependent on how early it is detected” Dr Stephenson said.

He said colonoscopic screening and surveillance in a well organised screening and surveillance program offer the best opportunity of reducing morbidity and mortality from colorectal malignancy.

“The aim of the project was to ensure that Montserrat Day Hospitals had a consistent, auditable and transparent colonoscopic screening and surveillance program to support our referring doctors and our patients” Dr Stephenson said.

The Executive Director of the Australian Private Hospitals Association, Michael Roff said it was important that Day Surgeries had a key role at the Congress this year which is being attended by more than 300 delegates at Jupiter's Convention Centre.

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